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# *PREFACE*

*I have much pleasure now in placing before my dear readers this small book "Selected words of Wisdom (Part Two)" in a trice. The words of Wisdom here were selected from various printed sources and brought out in this book-form. The aim of this edition is to provide the readers with the means of finding half-remembered references and examples of what has been said by the God-incarnates, the learned, the philosophers and other famous persons.*

*This little volume will also provide a small library of thoughts and ideas to which one can turn whenever the need is felt for. The wisdom, sprouted from the thoughts and ideas, will stir the moral and spiritual impulses and thus impel the readers to consecrated living on earth, and God will also speak to the soul by this means. It may also speak not only to the mind and the intellect, but to the soul, thereby avoiding spiritual malnutrition.*

*And my purpose of presenting this very little book to the general readers will be fulfilled if a single reader gets a little moral and spiritual benefit. For a consecrated life is impossible without a sound moral and spiritual basis. The selected words of wisdom in this book speak for themselves as far as their moral, spiritual and philosophic depths are concerned.*

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*Suggestions, if any, to enhance the worth of the book, will be very highly appreciated. It is also hoped that this book willl be read with its good reception.*

*I wish all of you a very happy, peaceful and blissful life with the realization of spiritual benefits.*

*Om; Shanti, Shanti, Shanti.*
*Peace, Peace, Peace unto all.*

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## PART - II

1001. Work is power, work is worship.

— *Carlyle.*

1002. Some must follow, and some command, though all are made of same clay.

*A Saying*

1003. Beautiful behaviour is better than a beautiful form ; it gives a higher pleasure than statues or pictures ; it is the finest of the fine arts.

— *Emerson.*

1004. Fear follows crime, and is its punishment.

— *Voltaire.*

1005. It is impossible to arrive at the summit of the mountain without passing through rough and difficult paths.

— *Confucius.*

1006. Knowledge without a moral foundation is
1 meaningless.

— *Leo Tolstoy.*

2 1007. Examine all things and hold fast that which is good.

— *St. Paul.*

1008. Fools follow after vanity. The wise man keeps
3 earnestness as his best jewel.

— *Buddha.*

1009. True wisdom consists not only in seeing what is before your eyes, but in foreseeing what is to come.

4 — *Terence*

1010. More people than ever before are graduated but not
5 educated.

— *Robert G. Gunderson.*

6 1011. The world is like water and the mind of man is like milk. Milk will mix with water if you pour the two together. But turn the milk into curd by letting it stand
7 still in a pot. Then churn it and have butter. Now, if you keep the butter in water, it won't mix with it but float unattached.

8 — *Sri Ramakrishna*

1012. Be conscious first of thyself within, then think and act.

— *Sri Aurobindo.*

1013. Jealousy must be avoided, for that is the seed of calamities.

— *Katha-Sarit-Sagara.*

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1014. Education is to the soul, what sculpture to a block of marble.

— *Addison*

1015. Four things are grievously empty — a head without brains, a wit without judgement, a heart without honesty, and a purse without money.

— *Earle.*

1016. A life which does not go into action is a failure.

— *Arnold J. Toynbee.*

1017. Begin by reading thyself rather than a book.

— *Rumi.*

1018. We think our fathers are fools, so wise we grow. Our wiser sons will, no doubt, think about us so.

— *Pope.*

1019. Diplomacy is to do and say the nastiest thing in the nicest way.

— *Isaac Goldberg.*

1020. He who says 'what is mine is yours and what is yours is yours' is a saint. He who says 'what is yours is mine and what is mine is mine' is a wicked man.

— *Babylonian Talmud.*

1021. Short as life is, we make it still shorter by the careless waste of time.

— *Victor Huge.*

1022. Experience is not what happens to a man. It is what a man does with what happens to him.

— *Huxley.*

1023. The sweetest grapes hang higher.

— *A Saying.*

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1024. Wherever ***Sathya, Dharma, Santhi*** and ***Prema*** are emphasised in whatever religion or language, by whichever teacher, wherever it may be, there we have '***Sanathana Dharma.***'

*— Sai Baba.*

1025. When angry, count ten before you speak ; if very angry, count a hundred.

*— Thomas Jefferson.*

1026. If you lend money, you make a secret enemy ; if you refuge it, an open one.

*— Voltaire*

1027 Next to acquiring good friends, the best acquisition is that of good books.

*— Charles Calele Colton.*

1028. When a man wants to murder a tiger, he calls it sport ; when the tiger wants to murder him, he calls it ferocity.

*— George Bernard Shaw*

1029. A systematic study of the great religions of the world reveals their inner unity.

*— J.B Kripalani.*

1030. In matters of conscience, the law of the majority has no place.

*— Gandhiji.*

1031. There is but one thing more dangerous than sin -- the murder of a man's sense of sin.

*— Pope John Paul II.*

1032. The deepest sin against the human mind is to believe things without evidence.

*– Thomas H. Huxley.*

1033. I truely enjoy no more of the world's good things than what I willingly distribute to the needy.

*— Seneca.*

1034. The superior man will watch over himself.

*— Confucius.*

1035. Were there no hearers, there would be no backbiters.

*— Horace.*

1036. There is no freedom if a person is not free to choose according to his or her conscience.

*— Mother Teresa.*

1037. One should destroy through deep meditation the qualities that are contrary to the divine nature.

*— Manu.*

1038. Offering without faith is a waste of flower.

*— Rig Veda.*

1039. Wealth consists not in having great possessions, but in having few wants.

*— Epicurus.*

1040. That person is successful who makes a practical use of at least one great talent that he possesses.

*— Swami Chinmavananda.*

1041. Difficulty is, for the most part, the daughter of idleness.

*— Samuel Johnson.*

1042. The whole dignity of man is in thought. Labour then to think aright.

*— Pascal.*

1043. There is no virtue like benevolence, and no meanness like oppressing others.

*— Sri Rama.*

1044. If the first button of your coat is wrongly buttoned, all the rest are crooked.

*— Bruno.*

1045. Man cannot live on bread alone, but needs every word that God speaks.
Happy are those who work for peace. God will call them His children.
Whoever holds out to the end will be saved.

1 — *Gems from Jesus.*

1046. A man travels the world over in search of what he
2 needs and returns home to find it.

— *George Moore.*

1047. Short pleasure is soon the parent of sorrow.

3 — *Latin Proverb.*

1048. The wise man avoids evil by anticipating it.

— *Syrus.*

4 1049. In order to live a happy life, man should understand what life is and what he can or cannot do.

— *Tolstoy.*

5 1050. One has to suffer the consequences of one's deeds. But by repeating the Name of God, you can lessen
6 its intensity.

— *The Holy Mother.*

1051. Money is at the root all the disasters you see in the
7 world. Money may lure one's mind into other temptations. Beware !

— *Sri Ramakrishna.*

8 1052. Spiritual progress becomes easier if husband and wife agree in their views regarding spiritual practices.

— *The Holy Mother.*

1053. If one is without kindness, how can one be called a human being ?

— *The Holy Mother.*

1054. Let us enjoy the blessings God has prepared for us, and let us not try to find happiness and peace elsewhere or in another manner, for outside God's boundaries reigns our enemy.

*— A Saying*

1055. How long wilt Thou play this game of hide and seek ? May we not play another that keeps us always together ? If we see only God everywhere and trust entirely to Him, what will happen to us ? It will purify us ; it will sanctify us ; it will free us from pain and selfishness.

*— Swami Paramananda.*

1056. The anger of man does not work the righteousness of God.

*— James.*

1057. Abu Huraira reported God's Messenger as saying, "The strong man is not the good wrestler ; the strong man is only he who controls himself when he is angry."

*— Hadith of Bukhari and Muslim.*

1058. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness comes upon you.

*— Jesus.*

1059. "My Lord, I have simply wasted my life. Having obtained the human body, I have neglected to worship Your Lordship, and therefore I have willingly drunk poison."

*— Naro Hama dasa Thakur*

1060. Maharaja ***Yudhisthira*** was thinking only of his own unavoidable misdeeds. This is the nature of a good man and devotee of the Lord. A devotee never finds

faults with others, but tries to find his own and thus rectify them as far as possible.

*— Swami Prabhupada.*

1061. ***Yogi*** and ***Bhogi*** are two opposite terms. The ***Bhogi***
1 or the merryman who eats and drinks cannot be a ***Yogi***, for a ***Yogi*** is never allowed to eat and drink unrestrictedly.

2 *— Scripture.*

1062. As in the ocean the bigger and stronger aquatics swallow up the smaller and weaker ones, so also the
3 Supreme Lord, to lighten the burden of the earth, has engaged the stronger ***Yadu*** to kill the weaker and the bigger ***Yadu*** to kill the smaller.

*— Srimad Bhagavatam.*

4 1063. Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding.

5 *— Albert Einstein*

1064. Work keeps us from three evils : boredom, vice and
6 need.

*— Voltaire.*

1065. One filled with joy preaches without preaching.

*— Mother Teresa.*

7 1066. Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their effects are endless.

*— Mother Teresa.*

8 1067. He that scatters thorns, let him not go barefoot.

*— A Saying.*

1068. The acts of this life are the destiny of the next.

*— A Saying.*

1069. Non-co-operation with Evil is as much a duty as co-operation with Good.

*— Gandhiji.*

1070. Every violation of truth is a stab at the health of human society.

*— R.W. Emerson.*

1071. He who knows how to serve knows how to rule.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1072. He is a wise man who after acquiring great wealth, knowledge and authority, remains modest.

*— Vidura Neeti.*

1073. They can because they think they can.

*— Virgil.*

1074. The only good is knowledge and the only evil is ignorance.

*— Socrates.*

1075. Practise truth, you need not practise any other virtue.

*— Tiruvalluvar*

1076 Whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap.

*— St. Paul.*

1077. Possession does not provide happiness. It may even stimulate appetite for more and more and more. A new car every year. Woollen coats and pearl necklaces are beautiful to look at and delightful to possess. But they do not make even the possessor happy. But simple goodness does make for happiness. Happiness comes from goodness in life.

*— George Sakalsky.*

1078. A quiet mind is richer than a crown.

*— Maxim.*

1079. Truth, beauty and goodness are not dreams of the mind or fancies of the heart. They are extra-mental values which man has to establish on earth. Many of

us regard the divine as Truth (***Satyam***), Beauty (***Sundaram***), Perfection (***Sivam***) and Peacc (***Santham***).

*— Dr. S. Radhakrishnan.*

1080. Dignity is not in possessing honours, but in deserving them.

*— Aristotle.*

1081. A man may die, nations may rise and fall, but an idea lives on. Ideas have endurance without death.

*— John F. Kennedy.*

1082. If you insult Me in human beings; do not worship Me in an image in a temple. I will not accept that worship.

*— Srimad Bhagavatam.*

1083. Worship Me in all beings who are already my temples by removing your felt wants and respecting them with an attitude of friendliness and non-separateness.

*— Srimad Bhagavatam*

1084. Do not merely serve people but worship them. Service with respect becomes worship. There is divinity in every human being. Therefore, worship Me in every human being. I have built a temple for Myself in everyone of them. Worship Me not merely serve Me.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1085. Fight with yourself. Why fight with external foes. He who conquers himself will acquire happiness.

*— Lord Mahavir.*

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1086. All that we are is the result of our past thoughts.

*— Buddha.*

1087. As a man thinketh, so is he.

*— The Bible.*

1088. Be humble and you will remain entire. Be bent and you will remain straight. Be vacant and you will remain full.

*— Tao Te Ching.*

1089. Gladness of the heart is the life of man, and the joyfulness of a man prolongs his days. No man can win true happiness unless he learns to work with loving hands.

*— Dr. Smiley Blanton.*

1090. Give, give, give away! Whatever we have is not for us to enjoy; we are mere messengers carrying His Gifts for others. Give cheerfully, joyously, this is the law of love. Cease to give, you cease to have. Never sit and cry— "Nobody loves me". Nobody will love you, until you start loving others. Give love to get love!

*— Swami Chinmayananda.*

1091. It is really foolishness to engage oneself all the days of one's life in material enjoyment and fruitive activities, because as long as the mind remains absorbed in fruitive work for material enjoyment, there is no chance of getting out from conditioned life, or material bondage. No one should follow the suicidal policy of neglecting one's supreme task of attaining the highest perfection of life, namely going back home, back to Godhead.

*— Swami Prabhupada.*

1092. Lazy human beings with paltry intelligence and a short duration of life pass the night sleeping and the day performing activities that are for naught.

— *Srimad Bhagavatam.*

1 1093. By the influence of the age of ***Kali,*** everywhere, politically, socially, morally or religiously, everything is topsy turvy, and therefore for the sane man it is all
2 regrettable.

— *Swami Prabhupada.*

1094. He who wins souls is wise.

— *Solomon.*

3 1095. Sacrifice means to accept the supremacy of the Lord and thereby perform acts by which the Lord may be satisfied in all respects. The ultimate goal of all
4 religions is to satisfy the Lord.

— *Swami Prabhupada.*

5 1096 Righteousness is the accordance of actions with what is right. In all things success depends on previous preparation; without such preparation there is failure.
6 — *Confucius.*

1097. Do not waste your life in doubts and fears; spend yourself on the work before you, well assured that the right performance of this hour's duties will be
7 the preparation for the hours or ages to follow

— *Benjamin Flanklin.*

1098. This mind is the cause of bondage and of liberation
8 for all human beings. If attached to the world, it becomes bound; if freed from the world, that is liberty.

— *Upanishads*

1099. To work alone thou hast the right, but never to the fruits thereof.

-- *Bhagavad Gita.*

1100. If by study, enquiry or thought, we have learned the truth, we should then put it into practice in both our speech and action. Regulate the emotions and suppress anger and selfish desires. Shake off evil and cling to good. Discovering our faults, let us not hesitate to correct them.... All this is the way of true action.... Without putting what we have learned into practice, it bears no fruit.

*—Kaibara Ekken,a Japanese sage.*

1101. Righteousness can be practised only when we have freed our mind from passions of egotism. Perfect peace can dwell only where all vanity has disappeared.

*— Buddha.*

1102. The path of duty lies in what is near, and men seek for it in what is remote. The work of duty lies in what is easy, and man seeks for it in what is difficult.

*— Mencius.*

1103. Better is one's own duty, though devoid of merit, than the duty of another well-performed. Better is death in following one's own duty; the duty of another is full of danger.

*— Bhagavad Gita.*

1104. Doing good to others is the only virtue, injuring another is the only vice.

*— Vedic Teaching.*

1105. The real treasure is that laid up through charity and piety, temperance and self-control. The treasure thus hid is secure, and passes not away.

*— Teachings of Buddha.*

1106. When thou makest a dinner, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor the rich neighbours, lest they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a
1 feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and thou shalt be blessed.

2 — *Jesus Christ.*

1107. As the strength of the tree shows itself in the fruit, so the true divine strength in a man is shown in his good works and virtues. There is no faith without works.

3 — *Jacole Boehme.*

1108. He whose works proceed from himself, does little good service to God; while he who suffers himself to
4 be guided by the Holy Spirit, does great works even in small actions.

5 — *John Tauler.*

1109. The personality of Kali was given permission to live
6 in places where gambling, drinking, prostitution, and animal slaughter are performed, and where there is gold.

— *Srimad Bhagavatam.*

7 1110. Self-controlled persons who are attached to the Supreme Lord can all of a sudden give up the world of material attachment, including the gross body and
8 subtle mind, and go away to attain the highest perfection of the renounced order of life, by which non-violence and renunciation are consequential.

— *Srimad Bhagavatam.*

1111. O my Lord, I am very much afraid of the materialistic way of life, and I am not least afraid of your present

ghastly ferocious feature as Narasimhadeva. This materialistic way of life is something like a grinding stone, and we are being crushed by it. We have fallen into this horrible whirlpool of the tossing waves of life, and thus, my Lord, I pray at your lotus feet to call me back to Your eternal abode as one of Your servitors. This is the summit liberation of this materialistic way of life. I have very bitter experience of the materialistic way of life. In whichever species of life I have taken birth, compelled by the force of my own activities, I have very painfully experienced two things, namely separation from my beloved and meeting with what is not wanted. And to counteract them, the remedies which I undertook were more dangerous than the disease itself. So I drift from one point to another birth after birth, and I pray to You therefore to give me a shelter at your lotus feet.

— *Prahlada Maharaja.*

1112. Drunkenness excites the stupid to a fury, to his own harm; it reduces his strength while leading to blows.

— *The Bible.*

1113. O God! that men should put an enemy (wine) in their mouths to steal away their brains.

— *William Shakespeare.*

1114. Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore, the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

— *Ecclesiastes.*

1115. He that walketh with wise men shall be wise but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

— *Proverb.*

1116. A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not, but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.

*— Proverb.*

1117. The love of money is the root of all evil.

*— The Word of God.*

1 1118. He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he.

2 *— Proverb.*

1119. The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

3 *— The Book of Proverbs.*

1120. The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom, and before honour is humility.

4 *— The Book of Proverbs.*

1121. How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! And
5 to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

*— Proverb.*

1122. God's truth cannot be tested: it tests us! We have to
6 accept what we read in His Word.

*— Scripture.*

1123. He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that
7 keepeth understanding shall find good.

*— Proverb.*

1124. Man's goings are of the Lord; how can a man then
8 understand his own way?

*— The Book of Proverbs.*

1125. The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

*— Proverb.*

1126. Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

*— Lord Jesus.*

1127. If therefore ye have raised with the Christ, seek the things which are above, where the Christ is sitting at the right hand of God: have your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are on the earth.

*— Colossians*

1128. The one who has faith and trust in the Lord invariably conquers adverse circumstances.

*— Rig Veda.*

1129. You can't teach an old dog new tricks.

*— Proverb.*

1130. Judge not that you may be judged.

*— The Bible.*

1131 Love rules the court, the camp, the grove, and men below, and saints above; for love is heaven, and heaven is love.

*— Sir Walter Scott*

1132. Little deeds of kindness, little words of love,
Help to make earth happy, like the heaven above

*— Julia Carney*

1133. The body was made to the soul, not the soul for the body.

*— Thomas Acquina*

1134. Thou seest many stars at night in the sky, but findest them not when the sun rises,
Canst thou say that there are no stars? So, O man, because thou beholdest not the Almighty in the days of ignorance, say not that there is no God.

*— Sri Ramakrishna*

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1135. Life is the soul's nursery and its training place for the destinies of eternity.

— *Thackery.*

1136. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

— *The Bible.*

1 1137. Simplicity of all things is the hardest to be copied.

— *Steele.*

2 1138. Selfishness speaks many tongues and plays many parts, even that of unselfishness.

— *Recheforcauld.*

3 1139. Praise undeserved is scandal in disguise.

— *Pope.*

1140. The ill usage of every minute is a new record against
4 us in heaven.

— *Zimmerman.*

5 1141. One today is worth two tomorrows.

— *W.Secker.*

6 1142. I could not live in peace if I put the shadow of a wilful sin between myself and God.

— *George Elipt.*

1143. Knowledge is the foundation and source of good
7 writing.

— *Horace.*

1144. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was
8 with God, and the Word was God.

— *The Bible.*

1145. Good nature is the very air of a good mind, and the peculiar soil in which virtue prospers.

— *Goldman.*

1146. Each soul is potentially divine. The goal is to manifest this divine within, by controlling the nature, external and internal.

— *Vivekananda.*

1147. As a man goes down in self, he goes up in God.

— *Cheever.*

1148. It is the perfection of virtue to spend everyday as it were your last, and neither act with precipitation, nor with indolence, nor with insincerity.

— *Marcus Aureius.*

1149. To improve the golden moment of opportunity and catch the good that is within our reach is the greater art in life.

— *Johnson.*

1150. We always have enough time if we apply it well.

— *Goethe.*

1151. A reputation once broken may possibly be repaired, but the world will always keep their eyes on the spot where the crack was.

— *Bishop Hall.*

1152. An honest reputation is within the reach of all. They can obtain it by social virtues and doing their duty. This kind of reputation though neither brilliant nor startling is often the most conducive to happiness.

— *Duclos.*

1153. True repentance hates sin, and not merely the penalty, and it hates the sin most of all because it has discovered and felt God's love.

— *W M. Taylor.*

1154. Foolishness often proceeds wisdom.

— *A Saying.*

1155. Want of punctuality is want of virtue.

— *J.M. Mason.*

1156. Poverty is not dishonourable in itself, but only when it comes from idleness, interference, extravagance and folly.

1 — *Plutarch.*

1157. When the idea of any pleasure strikes your
2 imagination, make a just computation between the duration of the pleasure and that of the repentance that is likely to follow it.

— *Epictetus.*

3 1158. Quarrels would not last long if only one side were in the wrong.

— *Rochefoucauld*

4 1159. All good things which exist are the fruits of originality.

— *John Stuart Mill*

5 1160. Teach men to be honest, and oaths will be unnecessary.

6 — *Dandemis*

1161. The noisy fowler catcheth no birds.

— *Proverb*

1162. Necessity never made a good bargain.

7 — *Franklin*

1163. Materialism, once a scientific theory, is now the fatalistic creed of thousands. But materialism is
8 nothing better than a superstition, on the same level as belief in witches and devils.

— *J.B S. Haldane.*

1164. 'What are thou?' said the Emperor Marcus Aurelius to himself, "A little soul carrying a corpse."

— *Rev.John Kellas.*

1165. Man is a piece of universe made alive.

— *Emerson.*

1166. Man is higher than all animals, than all angels; none is greater than man.

— *Vivekananda.*

1167. He is but the counterfeit of a man, who has not the life of a man.

— *Shakespeare.*

1168. Man that is born of woman is of a few days, and full of troubles. He comes forth like a flower and is cut down....

— *The Bible.*

1169. The way of every man is declarative of the end of every man.

— *Cecil*

1170. What is man? Half-akin, nay, more than half-akin to the brute.

— *J.B. Lightfoot.*

1171. To be proud of learning is the greatest ignorance.

— *Taylor.*

1172. Reason is the life of law, nay, the common law itself is nothing but reason.

— *Coke.*

1173. Laws are silent in the midst of arms.

— *Cicero*

1174. May God palsy that land that wrote that order! May God palsy the brain that conceived it and May God palsy the tongue that dictated it.

— *Groover Cleverland.*

1175. Undertake some labour that the devil may find thee always occupied.

— *S. Jerome.*

1176. Those who work neither with their brain nor their hands are a menance to the public safety.

— *T.Roosevelt.*

1177. A man is a worker. If he is not that, he is nothing.

1 — *Courad.*

1178. Labour is a pure and noble thing; it is the salt of life, it is the girdle of manliness.

2 — *Unknown.*

1179. The fruits derived from labour is the sweetest of all pleasures.

3 — *Vanvenargues.*

1180. The more extensive a man's knowledge of what has been done, the greater will be his power of knowing what to do.

4 — *Disraeli.*

1181. The essence of knowledge is, having it, to apply
5 it ; not having it, to confess your ignorance.

— *Confucius*

6 1182. In order that knowledge be properly digested, it must be swallowed with a good appetite.

— *Anatole France.*

1183. Knowledge is a comfortable and necessary retreat
7 and shelter for us in advanced age, and if we do not plant it while young, it will give us no shade when we grow old.

8 — *Chesterfield.*

1184. Know yourself and you shall then know God.

— *Sri Ramakrishna*

1185. Without useful knowledge, a man might not live so comfortably in time; without divine knowledge, eternity must be lost.

— *Alexander Duff.*

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1186. Knowledge and timber should not be much used till they are seasoned.

*— Oliverweldel Holmes.*

1187. An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

*— Benjamin Franklin*

1188. The fear of God is the beginning of knowledge.

*— The Bible.*

1189. If a little knowledge is dangerous, where is the man who has so much as to be out of danger?

*— Huzely.*

1190. He who can conceal his joys is greater than he who can hide his griefs.

*— Lavator.*

1191. There is no beauty of complexion, or form, or behaviour like the wish to scatter joy and not pain around us.

*— Fielding.*

1192. Religion is the idea which is raising the brute into man and man into God.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1193. The mind in its own place and in itself can make a Heaven of Hell or a Hell of Heaven.

*— Milton.*

1194. Service to the needy with reverence becomes worship.

*— A Saying.*

1195. Great joy especially after a sudden change of circumstances, is apt to be silent, and dwells rather in the heart than on the tongue.

*— Fielding.*

1196. Those who cannot feel pain are not capable either, of feeling joy.

*— Raden Adjeng Kartini.*

1197. Every joy is a pain and gain is gain however small.

*— Browning.*

1198. Realise your true self and be true for ever, free from the hand of ignorance, free from all sorts of fears even free from the fear of death.

1 *— Sri Ramakrishna.*

1199. The influence of individual character extends from
2 generation to generation. The world is moulded by
it.

*— Macleod.*

1200. To be ignorant of one's ignorance is the malady of
3 ignorance.

*— A.B. Alcott.*

1201. A good husband makes a good wife.

4 *— Robert Burton.*

1202. Every man has at times in his mind the ideal of what
he would be, but is not. No one is so satisfied with
5 himself that he never wishes to be wiser and better.
Man never falls to so low that he can see nothing
6 higher than himself.

*— Parker.*

1203. Humanity is the son of God.

7 *— Theodore Parket.*

1204. The history of the past is but a mere puppet show. A
little man comes out and blows a little trumpet and
goes in again. Lo ! another little man comes out and
8 blows another little trumpet and goes in again.

*— Longlellow.*

1205. We hate some persons because we do not know them ; and we will not know them because we hate them.

*— Calton.*

1206. Be more ready to love than to hate ; so shall you be loved by more than hate you .

*— Dandemis.*

1207. If one longs for happiness, let him cast off all desires ; he who has cast off all desires will find the most perfect happiness.

*— Buddha.*

1208. Ill habits gather by unseen degrees
As brooks make rivers, rivers run to sea.

*— Dryden.*

1209. A foe to God was never a true friend to man.

*— Young.*

1210. God is not the God of the dead but of the living for all live upto Him.

*— St. Ausgustine.*

1211. Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

*— Goldsmith.*

1212. One crowded hour of glorious life is worth more than an age without a name.

*— Scott.*

1213. As the Son of God He was once rich, yet for our sakes He became poor by coming to earth and dying for us, so that we might become rich in spiritual things.

*— The Good Seed 1999.*

1214. Unto man He said, Lo, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom ; and to depart from evil is understanding.

*— The Bible.*

1215. Wisdom is the right application of knowledge. The more we know, the more properly we should apply that knowledge.

*— Christian Scripture.*

1216. There are two types of knowledge — the higher and the lower (***Para*** and ***Apara Vidya***). The former deals with the highest spiritual enlightenment and realisation whereas the latter denotes studies which are
1 conducive to temporal benefits or worldly gain and advancement.

— *Upanishad.*

2 1217. Love all God's creatures and worship Him by serving them in a holistic spirit and attitude.

— *Swami Vivekananda.*

3 1218. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

— *The Bible*

1219. The believer who participates in human life, exposing
4 himself to its torments and suffering, is worth more than the one who distances himself from its suffering.

5 — *Hadith of Ibn Majah.*

1220. Those who are morally well-adjusted look after those
6 who are not; those who are talented look after those who are not. That is why people are glad to have good fathers and elders. If those who are morally well-adjusted and talented abandon those who are
7 not, then scarcely an inch will separate the good from the depraved.

— *Mencius*

8 1221. Excess of grief for the dead is madness ; for it is an injury to the living and the dead know it not.

-- *Xenophon.*

1222. Well has it been said that there is no grief like the grief which does not speak.

-- *Longfellow*

1223. There is no greater grief than to remember days of joy, when misery is at hand.

*— Dante.*

1224. Greatness is smallness.

*— Hazlitt.*

1225. Every gift which is given even though it be small, is in reality great, if it be given with affection.

*— Pindar.*

1226. We ought to do good to others as simply and as naturally as a horse runs, or a bee makes honey, or a vin bears grapes without thinking of the grapes which it has borne.

*— Marcus Aurelius.*

1227. The truely generous are truely wise, and he who loves not others, lives unblest.

*— Home*

1228. Generosity, wrong placed, becometh a vice.

*— Fuller.*

1229. Generosity, so called, is generally mere pride of giving, which we value more than the thing we give.

*— Rochefoucauld.*

1230. The breeze of grace is blowing day and night over thy head. Unfurl the sails of thy boat (mind) if thou wanted to make rapid progress through the ocean of life.

*— Sri Ramakrishna.*

1231. The greater submission, the more grace. If there be one hollow in the valley lower than other, thither the waters go.

*— Bishop Hall.*

1232. Grace waits not man's observation. As the rains fall where no man is , so grace courts no publicity.

*— Augustine.*

1233. Gambling is the child of avarice, the brother of iniquity, and the father of mischief.

— *Washington.*

1234. We love ourselves notwithstanding our faults, and we ought to love our friends in like manner.

— *Cyrus.*

1235. Be more prompt to go to a friend in adversity than in prosperity.

— *Chilo.*

1236. Judge not thy friend until thou standest in his place.

— *Bishop Kin.*

1237. He is the freeman whom the truth makes free, and all are slaves beside.

— *Cowper.*

1238. Freedom is one of the most precious gifts that the heavens have bestowed on men, with its treasures locked in the earth and hidden in the depths of the sea. Happy is he to whom Heaven gives a slice of bread without being obliged to thank any person but only Heaven Itself.

— *Don-quixote*

1239. No man is free who is not master of himself.

— *Epictetus.*

1240. Freedom is not the power to do what we like, but to be what we ought to be.

— *Gore*

1241. Void of freedom, what would virtue be.

— *Lamartine.*

1242. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

— *Pope.*

1243. Wisdom is too high for a fool.

— *The Bible.*

1244. There are more fools than wise men, and even in wise men, more folly than wisdom.

— *Chamfort.*

1245. The wise man has follies no less than the fool, but it has been said that herein lies the difference — the follies of the fool are known to the world, but are hidden from himself ; and the follies of the wise are known to himself ,but hidden from the world.

— *Colton.*

1246. Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise.

— *The Bible.*

1247. The fool who knows his foolishness is wise, at least so far. But a fool who thinks himself wise, he is a fool indeed.

— *Buddha.*

1248. Fools dwelling in the darkness of ignorance, self-conceited with vain knowledge and puffed up with the idea that they are truely wise, go round and round like the blind led by the blind.

— *Upanishad.*

1249. A fool though he lives in the company of the wise, understands nothing of the true doctrine, as a spoon tastes not the flavour of the soup.

— *Buddha.*

1250. A fool may be known by six things : anger without cause, speech without profit, change without progress, inquiry without object, putting trust in a stranger, and mistaking foes for friends.

— *Arabian Proverb.*

1251. **Flattery corrupts both the receiver and the giver.**

— *Burke.*

1252. Were a man's sorrows and disquietedness summed up at the end of his life, it would generally be found that he had suffered more from the apprehension of evils than from those evils which had really be fallen.

1 -- *Addison.*

1253. In the long run, every man will pay the penalty for
2 his own misdeed.

— *Epictatus.*

1254. The just live by faith.

3 -- *The Bible*

1255. Faith transcends reason.

--- *Gandhiji*

1256. Faith in God as separate from the universe makes us
4 separate from Him, from one another and also from the universe

5 --- *Abhedananda.*

1257. In the matter of pleasantness the Truth is far
6 surpassed by Falsehood ; and Falsehood has the pleasanter countenance.

— *Pater*

7 1258. Looking to future generation, there is no cause to fear that the social instincts will grow weaker, and we may expect that virtuous habits will grow stronger.
8 The struggle between our higher and lower impulses will be less severe, and virtue will be triumphant.

— *Darwin*

1259. There are thousands backing at the branches of evil to one who is striking at the root.

— *Thorean*

1260. Envy and Idleness, married together and begot curiosity.

*— Proverb.*

1261. The most odious and anti-social of all passions – envy.

*— John Stuart Mill.*

1262. It is the practice of the multitude to bark at eminent men, as little dogs do at strangers.

*— Seneca.*

1263. A human education has no material end in view. It aims at making men, not machines ; it aims at giving every human creature the fullest development possible to it. Its cardinal doctrine is 'the right of every human soul to enter, unhindered except by the limitation of its own powers and desires, into the full spiritual heritage of the race.' It aims at giving the philosophic temper, the gentle judgement, the interest in knowledge, and beauty for their own sake' that make the harmoniously developed man.

*— George Sampson.*

1264. A good education should give some detailed knowledge of how different classes live, of their virtues and vices, of their wages and houses of labour, of their characteristic strengths and weaknesses.

*— T.F. Coade.*

1265. Education is not concerned with childhood alone. I am in my 88th years, and have still much to learn within my own very limited capacity.

*— G.B. Shaw*

## SELECTED WORDS OF WISDOM – 32

1266. Socrates is still the natural type of the true educator — a man whom the oracle called the wisest man on Athens, simply because he thought himself in need of education.

— *Manas.*

1267. Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

— *Matthew.*

1268. Never educate a child to be a gentleman or a lady only, but to be a man, a woman.

— *Herbert Spencer.*

1269. The poorest education that teaches self-control is better than the best that neglects it.

— *Anon.*

1270. The main object of education, in my opinion, is the establishment of a twofold harmony in every individual — harmony within his own self and harmony with other living beings in the whole world.

— *Rajendra Prasad.*

1271. The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.

— *Aristottle.*

1272. No man is rich whose expenditure exceeds his means ; and no one is poor whose incomings exceed his outgoings.

— *Haliburton.*

1273. Beware of little expenses : a small leak will sink a big ship.

— *Franklin*

1274. For what is death but an eternal sleep.
And does no life consist in sleeping and eating ?
Socrates said, "Bad men live , that they may eat and drink whereas good men eat and drink that they may live."

— *Pultarch.*

1275. Waste not thine energies in vain regretting ,
But strive thy present duties to fulfil ,
The past is dead, it is beyond recalling
But we may mould the future as we will.

— *Hicks.*

1276. In delay we waste our lights in vain,
Like lamps by day.

— *Shakespeare*

1277. No man ever served God by doing things tomorrow.

— *Young.*

1278. The drama who has no religious element as its foundation is not merely not an important and not a good thing, but the most trivial and despicable of things.

— *Tolstoy.*

1279. Defer no time, delays have dangerous end.

— *Shakespeare*

1280. Let us then be up and doing
With heart for any fate ;
Still achieving, still pursuing ,
Learn to labour and to wait.

— *Longfellow.*

1281. Good deeds truely drive away the evil.

— *Qur'an*

1282. By medician life may be prolonged, yet death will seize the doctor too.

*— Shakespeare.*

1283. The hour of my departure has arrived ,
And we go our ways ,
I to die and you to live ,
Which is better ,
God only knows.

*— Socrates.*

1284. Cowards die many times before their deaths ; the valiant never taste of death but once.

*— Shakespeare.*

1285. Let dissolution come when it will, it can do the Christian no harm for it will be a passage out of a prison into a palace.

*— John Danyan.*

1286. Rather go to bed supperless than rise in debt.

*— Benjamin Franklin.*

1287. If Socrates died like a philosopher, Jesus Christ died like God.

*— Royssean.*

1288. The essence of a secular and democratic state is freedom of opportunity without regard to race, religion, caste or community.

*— Maulana Azad.*

1289. Ignorance reduces democracy to a Government of the cattle, by the cattle and for the cattle.

*— J.B. Kriplani.*

1290. God Himself, Sir, does not propose to judge man until the end of his days.

*— Dr. Jhonson.*

1291. Creation is the decomposition of the infinite.

*— Anaximander oe Miletus.*

1292. The highest purpose of intellectual culture is to give a man perfect knowledge and mastery of his own innerself.

— *Novalis.*

1293. The man devoid of curiosity is the man who in the end attains nothing.

— *Readers Digest.*

1294. The over-curious are not over-wise.

— *Massinger.*

1295. Courtesy is itself a form of service. By gentleness of manner, by an unobstrusive sympathy, by thoughtfulness for others in little things, we may smooth the roughness of life for those with whom we live, soothe their vexation, and contribute more to their real happiness than by great and signal acts of generosity.

— *R.W. Dale.*

1296. And for our country it is a bliss to die.

— *Alexander Pope.*

1297. God will not have His work manifest by cowards.

— *Emerson.*

1298. Courage in danger is half the battle.

— *Plautus.*

1299. Courage, brother ; do not stumble ,
Though thy path be dark as night ;
There's a star to guide the humble :
"Trust in God, and do the right."

— *N. Macleod.*

1300. He who loses wealth loses much ;
he who loses a friend loses more ,
but he that loses his courage loses all.

— *Cervantes.*

1301. Do not condemn the judgement of another because it differs from your own. May you not be in error ?

*— Dandemis.*

1302. Contentment is a natural wealth ;luxury is an artificial poverty.

*— Socrates.*

1303. The noblest mind the best contentment has.

*— Spencer.*

1304. A man who finds no satisfaction in himself, seeks for it in vain elsewhere.

*— Rochefoucauld*

1305. Consecration is going out into the world where God Almighty is, and using every power of His glory.

*—H.W. Beecher.*

1306. He will easily be content and at peace whose conscience is pure.

*— Thomas a'Kempis*

1307. Hurt not your conscience with any known sin.

*— Rutherford.*

1308. The end of human race will be that it will eventually die of civilization.

*— Emerson.*

1309. No civilization other than that which is Christian is worth seeking or possessing

*— Bismarck.*

1310. Religious feeling should be the essential basis of conduct.

*— Huxely.*

1311. An education which does not teach us to discriminate between good and bad, to assimilate the one and eschew the other is a misnomer.

*— Gandhiji*

1312. Education is the development of good moral character.

*— Herbart.*

1313. Of all the work that is done or can be done for our country, the greatest is that of educating the body, the mind and above all the character, giving spiritual and moral training to those who in a few years are themselves to decide the destinies of the nation.

*— Theodore Roosevelt.*

1314. Education is the creation of a sound mind in a sound body.

*-- Aristotle.*

1315. By education I mean an all-round drawing out of the best in child and man—— body, mind and spirit.

*— Gandhiji*

1316. The education which we receive now is a borrowed and imitated article. It does not co-operate with natural genius of our being, and hence is unable to enrich the life-blood of our souls.

*— C.R. Das*

1317. The present system of education has more to do with the intellect and less with moral virtue, more with understanding information and knowledge and less with doing, making and creating, more with books and less with tools. No wonder that it produces Hamlets who think great thoughts and do not move an inch to give them a practical shape.

*— H.R. Bhatia.*

1318. The greatest wrong inflicted on Indian education by our educational policy has been on the spiritual side.

We have uprooted a system based upon the traditional code of ethics of the east. We have divorced religion from education, but it must be remembered that a godless system of education cannot suit India.

1 *—Mr. Rawlinson.*

1319. A teacher can never teach unless he is still learning
2 himself.

*— Tagore.*

1320. The first test of a truely good man is his humility.

*— John Ruskin.*

3 1321. The great hope of society is individual character.

*— Buddha.*

1322. The aim of discipline is the training of the conscience
4 which consists in the cultivation of the good will and development of moral insight.

5 *— Welton.*

1323. Freedom not power is the greatest good. That man is
6 truely free who desires what he is able to perform and does what he desires. This is my fundamental maxim.

7 *— Rousseau.*

1324. Punishment is an evil thing and a thing to be avoided. So is the surgeon's knife. Both are necessary however.

*—P.C. Wren.*

8 1325. Facts and ideas have a real and useful influence over the mind only when the mind systematises and co-ordinates them with other facts and ideas as they are produced.

*— Guyau.*

1326. Health is the first wealth.

*— Emerson.*

1327. Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested.

— *Bacon.*

1328. Instead of making the child stick to his book, I keep him busy in the workshop, and his hands will work to the profit of his mind.

— *Rousseau.*

1329. Past experiences not only give a meaning to present experiences but a ground for expectation of future experiences.

— *Welton.*

1330. Teaching is not telling but training.

— *Mann.*

1331. If we could first know where we are and whither we are tending, we would better judge what to do and how to do it.

— *Abraham Lincoln.*

1332. When we have created young people free from fear and inhibitions and rebellions or thwarted instincts, we shall be able to open to them the world of knowledge, freely and completely, without dark hidden corners; and if instruction is wisely given, it will be a joy rather than a task to those who receive it.

— *Bertrand Russel.*

1333. The nation lives in a cottage and education must go into the village.

— *Vivekananda.*

1334. If a person who died a hundred years ago came to life today, the first and most important change that would strike him is the revolution in the position of women.

— *K. Natarajan.*

1335. What better book can there be than the book of humanity.

— *Gandhiji.*

1336. Everything we say, think or do educates us no less than what is said or done to us by other beings, animate or inanimate. In the wider sense, life is education and education is life. Whatever broadens our horizons, deepens our insight, refine our reactions, and stimulates thought and feeling, educates us.

— *Lodge.*

1337. All education forms character —— mental and moral.

— *Dewey.*

1338. The soul is in a state of bondage created by passions and desires collected through several previous births.

— *Mahavira.*

1339. It is important to live a good moral life. Salvation can be achieved only through noble deeds.

— *Hebru Doctrine.*

1340. To attain salvation one must follow the principles of right faith, right knowledge and right conduct. Right conduct comprises vow of non-injury, speaking truth, non-stealing, non-adultery and non-possession.

— *Mahavira.*

1341. You have the right to love only. Love your neighbour like yourself. Do not be selfish.

— *Jesus.*

1342. Evil forces are ruling the world. Satan is the ruler. All are obeying his orders. Now the kingdom of God will emerge, it will arrive as a sudden event and humanity will be rejuvenated.

— *Jesus.*

1343. As long as we live confined to the physical, there is no getting away from evil and misfortune. The only way a man can escape from evil is to transcend bodily consciousness. If we have found our point of contact with God, no evil can overtake us.

— *Swami Paramananda.*

1344. He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

— *The Bible.*

1345. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

— *Corinthians.*

1346. What is night for all beings is the time for awakening for the self-controlled; and the time of awakening for all beings is night for the introspective sage.

—*Bhagavad Gita.*

1347. Actual speech is that which describes the qualities of the Lord, real hands are those that work for Him, a true mind is that which always remembers Him dwelling within everything moving and non-moving, and the actual ears are those that listen to sanctifying topics about Him.

— *Srimad Bhagavatam.*

1348. Even the worms, birds and beasts are assured of elevation to the highest perfected life if they are completely surrendered to the transcendental loving service of the Lord, so what to speak of the philosophers among the human beings.

— *Garuda Purana.*

1349. As spiritual beings we are inexhaustible, but our material resources are quickly exhausted.

— *Swami Paramananda.*

1350. Whoever turns to Him from his godless life by faith receives forgiveness and comes to know God as his Father, Who is devoted to His children in love. His love is something we cannot do without.

— *The Bible.*

1351. Faith, devotion and the Yoga of meditation—— these are mentioned by the Sruti as the immediate factors of liberation in the case of a seeker; whoever abides in these gets liberation from the bondage of body, which is the conjuring of ignorance.

— *Sri Sankaracharya.*

1352. Hear everything , say nothing;
Give everything ,take nothing;
Serve everyone , be nothing.

— *Baba.*

1353. The great cause of suffering in the world is that people do not look within; they rely on outside forces.

— *Baba*

1354. We shall be judged not by creed we profess or the label we wear or the slogans we shout, but by the work, the industry, the sacrifice, the honesty and the purity of character.

— *Baba*

1355. Help, as much as you can, as lovingly as you can, as silently as you can; do not crave for the results, but thank God that He gave you a chance to serve.

— *Baba.*

1356. A foolish man proclaimeth his qualifications; a wise man keepeth them secret within himself; a straw floateth on the surface of water, but a precious gem placed upon it sinketh.

— *Subhashita Ratna Nidhi.*

1357. Who is wise? He who learns from all men.

— *Talmud.*

1358. They know enough who know how to learn.

– *Adam Henry*

1359. Only seek it at the bottom of the vessel, or you will wander astray.

— *Michael Maier.*

1360. Allah is rich and ye are the poor.

— *Qur'an.*

1361. One has to suffer the consequences of one's deeds. But by repeating the Name of God, you can lessen its intensity.

— *The Holy Mother.*

1362. One must live carefully. Every action produces its results. It is not good to use harsh words towards others or be responsible for their sufferings.

— *The Holy Mother.*

1363. If one is without kindness, how can one be called a human being ?

— *The Holy Mother.*

1364. If you wish to work properly, you should never lose sight of two great principles : first, a profound respect for the work undertaken, and second, a complete indifference to its fruits. Thus only can you work with the proper attitude. This is called the secret of ***Karma Yoga***. And you can overcome all aversion for a piece of work if you but consider it as belonging to God.

— *Swami Brahmananda.*

1365. Tao is ever inactive, and yet there is nothing that it does not do.

— *Tao Te Ching.*

1366. The physical is only a garb. Man wears this at his pleasure and should not be thwarted by it.

*— Swami Paramananda.*

1367. Let a man prove himself, and thus eat of the bread, and drink of the cup. For the eater and drinker eats
1 and drinks judgement to himself, not distinguishing the body. On this account many among you are weak
2 and infirm and a good many are fallen asleep. But if we judged ourselves, so were we not judged. But being judged, we are disciplined of the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

3 *— Corinthians.*

1368. Those who worship Me with devotion, they are in Me and I am in them.

4 *— Bhagavad Gita*

1369. God is ready to receive us if we repent and turn unto Him.

5 *— Benjamin Whichcote.*

1370. If a man obeyeth God, God will obey him.

6 *— The Abba of Iliu.*

1371. God loves to meet those who love to meet Him, and dislikes to meet those who dislike to meet Him.

7 *— Prophet Muhammad.*

1372. I (Nature) will deal with you as you deal with me.

*— John A Mehung.*

1373. Genuine compassion is based on a clear acceptance
8 or recognition that others, like oneself, want happiness and have the right to overcome suffering. On that basis one develops concern about the welfare of others, irrespective of one's attitude to oneself. That is compassion.

*— The Dalai Lama.*

1374. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.

*—James.*

1375. When we choose only Love as the director of our mind, we can experience the power and miracle of love.

*— Gerald G Jampolsky.*

1376. The tendency to 'give' causes unity and love in society, while the desire to 'take' causes struggles.

*— Swami Ramsukhadas.*

1377. Every time one realises something of the truth, then there is a dance in the heart.

*— Osho.*

1378. The higher you rise, the wider becomes the margin of your view.

*— Hazrat Inayat Khan.*

1379. And when we realise that our true Self is one of pure potentiality, we align with the power that manifests everything in the universe.

*— Deepak Chopra.*

1380. A small house will hold a hundred friends.

*— A Saying.*

1381. We are far more than our bodies and personalities. The inner spirit is always beautiful and lovable, no matter how our outer appearances may change.

*—Louise L. Hay.*

1382. For the snake that cannot shed its skin perishes. So do the spirits that are prevented from changing their opinions, they cease to be spirits.

*— Nietzsche.*

1383. Man, proud man,
Drest in a little brief authority,
Most ignorant of what he's most assured.

— *William Shakespeare.*

1384. Material possessions, however alluring they may be, cannot be permanent possessions. Therefore one has to voluntarily give up such possessions, or one has to leave such possessions at the time of quitting this material body. The sane man knows that all material possessions are temporary and that the best use of such possessions is to engage them in the service of the Lord so that the Lord may be pleased with him and award him a permanent place in His ***Param Dhama***.

— *Swami Prabhupada.*

1385. If there is to be any peace it will come through being, not having.

— *Henry Miller*

1386. Party is the madness of many for the gains of a few.

— *Alexander Pope.*

1387. Never explain : your friends don't need it and your enemies won't believe it.

— *Victor Grayson.*

1388. The human race never solves any of its problems, it only outlives them.

— *David Gerrold.*

1389. Politics is funny game. One day you are a rooster, the next you're a feather duster.

— *Fred Daley.*

1390. Governments tend not to solve problems, only rearrange them.

*— Ronald Reagan.*

1391. Every calamity is a spur and valuable hint.

*— Emerson.*

1392. It is a difficult task, O citizens, to make speeches to the belly which has no ears.

*— Plutarch.*

1393. A reckoning up of the cause often solves the malady.

*— Celsus (Roman scholar).*

1394. Reason can wrestle and overthrow terror.

*— Euripides.*

1395. A leader is a dealer in hope.

*— Napolean.*

1396. The world --- has been to so many parties, been in so many fights, lost its keys, had its handbag stollen, drunk too much.

*— Martin Amis.*

1397. The modern advancement of civilization is based on the activities of the senses, or in other words, it is the civilization of sense gratification. Perfect civilization is the civilization of ***Atma*** or the soul. The civilized man of sense gratification is on the equal level with animals because animals cannot go beyond the activities of the senses.

*— Swami Prabhupada.*

1398. Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow.

*— Hellen Keller.*

1399. Success is the tribute life pays to excellence.

*— Swami Chinmayananda.*

1400. What we sow is what we reap. And when we choose actions that bring happiness and success to others, the fruit of our ***karma*** is happiness and success.

— *Deepak Chopra.*

1401. The more you connect to the Power within you, the more you can be free in all areas of your life.

— *Louise L Hay.*

1402. Hell, I never vote for anybody.
I always vote against.

— *W.C. Fields.*

1403. Politics are almost as exciting as war and quite as dangerous. In war you can only be killed once, but in politics, many times.

— *Winston Churchill.*

1404. Remember that the future is neither ours nor wholly not ours, so that we may neither count on it as sure to come nor abandon hope as certain not to be.

— *Epicurus.*

1405. The dog's bark is not might, but fright.

— *Madagascan Proverb.*

1406. In order to become the master, the politician poses as the servant.

— *Charles De Gaulle.*

1407. To adopt nuclear disarmament would be akin to behaving like a virgin in a brothel.

— *David Penhaligon.*

1408. Bad laws are worst sort of tyranny.

— *Edmund Burke.*

1409. However powerful a living being may be, when he is condemned by the Lord no one can save him,

similarly, however weak one may be, if he is protected by the Lord no one can annihilate him.

*— Srimad Bhagavatam.*

1410. Those who stand for nothing fall for anything.

*— Alex Hamilton.*

1411. We know what happens to people who stay in the middle of the road. They get run over.

*— Aneurin Bevan.*

1412. In war there is no second prize for the runner up.

*— General Omar Brandley.*

1413. I had rather ride on an ass that carries me than a horse that throws me.

*— George Herbert.*

1414. Every individual living entity is unborn, and therefore even after the annihilation of the material elementary body, the living entity exists, exactly like the air within the body.

*— Srimad Bhagavatam.*

1415. We make war that we may live in peace.

*— Aristotle.*

1416. There is no pain in the wound received in the moment of victory.

*— Publilius Syrus.*

1417. War is an unmitigated evil. It certainly does one good thing. It drives away fear and brings bravery to the surface.

*— M.K. Gandhi.*

1418. Barbarism is the absence of standards to which appeal can be made.

*— Jose Ortega Y Gasset.*

1419. I still love you, but in politics there is no heart, only head.

*— Napolean.I*

1420. There is surely no greater wisdom than well to time the beginnings and endings of things.

*— Francis Bacon.*

1421. Politics is war without bloodshed while war is politics with bloodshed.

*— Mao Tse-Tung.*

1422. Peace is not only better than war, but infinitely more arduous.

*— George Bernard Shaw.*

1423. They have sown the wind, and
They shall reap the whirlwind.

*— Hosea.*

1424. Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein.

*— The Bible.*

1425. Non-violence is a flop. The only bigger flop is violence.

*— Joan Baez.*

1426. Lucky are soldiers who strive in a just war ; for them it is an easy entry into heaven.

*— Bhagavat Gita.*

1427. The unmixed devotional service is transcendental and is called ***Para-Bhakti***. It alone can promote a person to the transcendental kingdom of God. Such a transcendental kingdom is not a myth, but is a factual as the moon. One must have transcendental qualities to understand the kingdom of God and God Himself.

*— Swami Prabhupada.*

1428. One should not accumulate money to become puffed up in the material world. One should earn his

livelihood honestly, for it is better to become a coolie for an honest livelihood than to become a great man in society by hook and crook.

— *Swami Prabhupada.*

1429. O men, you do not know Him who has brought into existence all this. He dwells hidden within you, transcending even your sense of selfhood. Not knowing Him because of ignorance, which covers your insight like a mist, you spend your lives in false notions of your real self, pursuing physical satisfactions and performing rituals that bestow enjoyments in heavens, hereafter.

— *Rig Veda.*

1430. The washerman keeps a large store of unwashed cloths in his house, but these are not his. As soon as the cloths are washed, his room becomes empty. Men having no original thoughts of their own are like the washerman. Be not a washerman in your thoughts.

— *Maxim.*

1431. Men are quick to praise and quick to blame ; so pay to heed to what others speak of you.

— *Maxim.*

1432. Many are the persons who can give good advice, but those who follow it are few.

— *Maxim.*

1433. Rain water is pure, but by the time it reaches earth it gets dirty owing to the medium it passes through. If the roofs and the pipes are all dirty, the water discharged through them must also be dirty. So religion gets defiled by the medium through which it manifests.

— *Maxim.*

1434. Sin and mercury are hard to digest.

*— Maxim.*

1435. As thieves cannot enter a house if its inmates are wide awake, so if you are always on your guard, no evil thought will enter your mind to rob it of its goodness.

*— Maxim*

1436. As long as I live, so long do I learn.

*— Maxim*

1437. ***Maya*** is the attachment towards one's own relatives such as father, mother, brother, sister, wife, children and cousin And the love that flows for all creatures is called ***Daya***.

*— Sri Ramachandra*

1438. As long as you live, learn every day of the mysteries of Love and Devotion. It will be always to your advantage.

*— Maxim*

1439. Unless the spirit in man gets awakened, he cannot know God

*— Maxim*

1440. Take refuge in God and forsake shame and fear. "If I were to dance in the name of God, what would people say ?"— Cast off all such ideas.

*— Maxim*

1441. All pain is in the body, all disease is in the body, but the spirit is above pain and is beyond the reach of disease.

*— Sri Ramakrishna*

1442. If one happens to be in the world, and leads a family life, after the realisation of God, it is sure that he cannot keep any physical connection with his wife. Both become devotees of God and spend their lives in prayer and devotion. They serve all creatures. As God is in all beings, they worship Him in all.

— *Sri Ramakrishna.*

1443. As long as man has a body he must have some **Maya**, at least to carry on the functions of the body; and a man totally devoid of **Maya** will not survive more than twenty-one days.

— *Sri Ramachandra.*

1444. One who feels the existence of light has also an awareness of the existence of darkness.

— *A Saying.*

1445. God manifests Himself to the mind when it is purified. It is lust and greed which make the mind impure. So long as ignorance reigns in the heart, the mind and the intellect can never be pure. Ordinarily, mind and intellect are known to be different from each other ; but in their purified state they become one, and are resolved into Pure Consciousness. Then God becomes manifest to the Pure Conciousness.

— *Sri Ramakrishna.*

1446. God is immanent in all creatures ; He is even in the ant. The difference is in manifestation only.

— *A Saying.*

1447. ***Brahman*** is above and beyond both knowledge and ignorance, good and evil, ***Dharma*** and ***Adharma***. It is indeed beyond all dual throngs.

— *Sri Ramachandra.*

1448. Do not spread false reports. Do not help a wicked man by being a malicious witness.

— *The Bible.*

1449. Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see and twists the words of the righteous.

— *The Bible.*

1450. Do not degrade your daughter by making her a prostitute, or the land will turn to prostitution.

— *The Bible.*

1451. In this age work without devotion to God has no legs to stand upon. It is like a foundation on sand. First cultivate devotion. All the other things will, if you like, be added to you. First devotion, then work. Work, apart from devotion or love of God, is helpless and cannot stand.

— *Sri Ramakrishna.*

1452. God alone is the guide and ***Guru*** of the Universe.

— *A Saying.*

1453. If you are in right earnest to learn the mysteries of God, He will send you the ***Sadguru***, the right teacher. You need not trouble yourself about finding out a ***Guru***.

— *Sri Ramakrishna.*

1454. The preceptor is the mediator. He brings man and God together, even as a match-maker brings together the lover and the beloved.

— *Sri Ramakrishna.*

1455. God never appears in the heart of a man who thinks himself to be the doer.

— *A Saying.*

1456. Bhagavan (the Lord), Bhagavata (His word or Scripture) and ***Bhakta*** are all one and the same.

— *Sri Ramakrishna.*

1457. God bestows His mercy equally on all His children who yearn to know Him, be they learned or ignorant. Suppose a father has five children. Some of them call 'papa'; others can perhaps say only 'ba' or 'pa' and cannot pronounce the whole word. But will the father love the latter less than the former? He knows that they are mere infants and cannot correctly call him 'father'. The father indeed loves them all in an equal measure.

— *Swami Ramakrishna.*

1458. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes.

— *Matthew.*

1459. Blessed is the man who does walk in the counsel of the wicked or stands in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night.

— *Psalms.*

1460. Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

— *The Bible.*

1461. May we realise Him Who is the Master of the universe, the supreme Lord over all the lords, the supreme God of all the gods, and the supreme Ruler over all the rulers.

1 *— The Upanishad.*

1462. Many are the names of God and infinite are the forms
2 through which He may be approached. In whatever name and form you worship Him, through them you will realize Him.

*— Sri Ramakrishna.*

3 1463. Eat to your satisfaction in the day, but let your meal at night be light and small in quantity.

*— A Saying.*

4 1464. That food alone should be taken by the devotee which does not heat the system or unsettle the mind.

*— Maxim.*

5 1465. True devotees seek nothing but the lotus-feet of the Lord.

6 *— A Saying.*

1466. Even in giving food and alms in charity, one should discriminate and see that the recipient is not a vicious
7 and sinning person likely to use the gift for evil purposes.

*— Sri Ramakrishna.*

8 1467. While a storm is blowing, we cannot distinguish between a fig tree and banyan tree. So when the storm of supreme knowledge blows, there can be no distinction of caste.

*— A Saying.*

1468. Forgiveness is the true nature of the ascetic.

*— A Saying.*

1469. If a white cloth is stained even with a small spot, the stain appears very ugly indeed. So the smallest fault of a holy man becomes painfully prominent.

— *Sri Ramakrishna.*

1470. ***Yogins*** and ***Sannyasins*** are like snakes. The snake does not dig out a hole for itself, but lives in the hole made by the mouse. When one hole becomes uninhabitable, it enters into another hole. Just so ***Yogins*** and ***Sannyasins*** make no house for themselves. They pass their days in other men's house — today in one house, tomorrow in another.

— *Sri Ramakrishna.*

1471. If you desire to live in the world unattached, you should first practise devotion in solitude for some time— a year, six months, a month, or at least twelve days. During the period of retirement, you should constantly meditate upon God and pray to Him for Divine love. You should think that there is nothing in the world which you may call your own, that those whom you consider as your own are sure to pass away some day or other. God alone is really your own. He is your all-in-all. How to obtain Him? — This should be your only concern.

— *Sri Ramakrishna.*

1472. You will look upon money only as a means of getting food, cloths and shelter, of worshipping the deity and serving ***Sadhus*** and devotees. But it is wrong to hoard it. Bees labour hard to build their hives, but man comes and robes them. You need not renounce 'woman' completely, but after a few children are born, you and your wife should live like brother and sister.

— *Sri Ramakrishna.*

1473. You (young disciples) are like butter churned early in the morning while my householder disciples are like butter churned late in the day.

*— Sri Ramakrishna.*

1474. Discussion is an exchange of knowledge; arguments an exchange of ignorance.

*— Robert Quillen.*

1475. The best thing to spend on your children is your time.

*— Louise Hart.*

1476. Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and wrong. Because sometime in our lives we would have been all of these ourselves.

*— Lloyd Shearer.*

1477. One who has faith and trust in the Lord invariably conquers adverse circumstance in the life of struggle.

*— Rig Veda.*

1478. He who has not given up sinful ways, whose senses have not been restrained, who is unmeditative, and whose mind is devoid of peace, cannot attain Him even by a highly cultivated intelligence.

*— The Upanishads.*

1479. The heart of the worldly man is like the worm in a dung-hill. The worm always lives in the dung and loves to live therein. If by chance someone takes it out of that filthy habitation and puts it on a lotus-flower, it will soon die of the fragrance of the flower. So the worldly man cannot live even a moment outside the dirty atmosphere of worldly thoughts and desires.

*— Sri Ramakrishna.*

1480. Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit.

— *Matthew.*

1481. I have come into the world as a light so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

— *The Bible.*

1482. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

— *Corinthians.*

1483. As a nail cannot be driven into a stone but enters easily into the earth, so the advice of the pious does not effect the soul of the worldly man while it goes deep into the heart of a believer.

— *Sri Ramakrishna.*

1484. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of the Christ.

— *Galatians.*

1485. Keep on loving each other as brothers (sisters). Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

— *Hebrews.*

1486. It is easy to utter '*sa,re,ga,ma,pa,dha,ni,sa*' with the mouth, but it is difficult to play them on an instrument. So it is easy to talk on religion, but difficult to practise it.

— *Sri Ramakrishna.*

1487. Mere reading will not bring knowledge or salvation as long as one is attached to the world, as long as one is fond of 'woman and gold.'

— *Maxim.*

1488. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said: "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

— *The Bible.*

1489. Freedom will come when your 'I-hood' (egotism) vanishes and you yourself are merged in the divinity.

— *Maxim.*

1490. As the animal sacrifices its life at the feet of the hunter, so does a man at the feet of a beautiful woman.

— *Sri Ramakrishna.*

1491. As the cloud covers the sun, so Maya hides the Deity. When the cloud moves away, the sun is seen again; when Maya is removed, God becomes manifest.

— *Sri Ramakrishna.*

1492. Man suffers so much simply for want of devotion to God. One should therefore adopt such means as would help the thought of God to arise in the mind at the last moment of one's life. The means is the practice of devotion to God. If it is done during one's life-time, the thought of God is sure to occur to one's mind even at the last hour.

— *Sri Ramakrishna.*

1493. He is born in vain, who having attained the human birth, so difficult to get, does not attempt to realize God in this very life.

— *Sri Ramakrishna.*

1494. There is no king like him who is king of himself.

*— St. Cadoc.*

1495. Self-government gives supremacy; self control confers contentment.

*— Samhita.*

1496. The king who knoweth well how to conquer lust, wrath, avarice, boastfulness and pride, can possess the sovereignty of the whole world.

*— Mahabharata.*

1497. He who is his own friend, is a friend to all men.

*— Seneca.*

1498. Seek not self, but seek the Truth. The Truth is a living power for good, indestructible and invincible.

*— Buddha.*

1499. To bear what you think you cannot bear is really to bear.

*— Japanese Saying.*

1500. Yield not to unmanliness, it does not befit thee. Casting off thy faint-heartedness, arise!

*— Bhagavad Gita.*

1501. Man is man so long as he is struggling to rise above nature, and this nature is both internal and external.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1502. A superior man is calm and large of spirit, the vulgar are always fretting.

*— Confucius.*

1503. The wise man is governed by God and on this account is blessed.

*— Sextus the Pythagorean.*

1504. His heart will stoop to thine, will take it up and make it His. One heart shall serve for both.

*— Siva Vakyar.*

1505. When the fruit grows, the petals drop off of themselves. So when Divinity in thee increases, the weakness of humanity in thee will vanish.

*— Sri Ramakrishna.*

1506. Everybody's mind becomes concentrated at times. We all concentrate upon those things we love, and we love those things upon which we concentrate our minds. The great trouble with such concentration is that we do not control the mind, it controls us.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1507. The old religions said that he was an atheist who did not believe in God. The new religion says that he is an atheist who does not believe in himself.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1508. If you are going to exist in eternity hereafter, it must be that you have existed through eternity in the past; it cannot be otherwise.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1509. Any action that makes us go Godward is a good action, and is our duty; any action that makes us go downward is evil, and is not our duty.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1510. Do not injure any being, not injuring any being is virtue, injuring any being is sin.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1511. It is not the receiver that is blessed, but it is the giver.

*— A Saying.*

1512. There is one thing which is the world and another which is God; and this distinction is very true, what they mean by world is selfishness. Unselfishness is God.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1513. The world is not for our sake. Millions pass out of it every year; the world does not feel; millions of others are supplied in their place. Just as much as the world is for us, so we are also are the world.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1514. Everything that you do under compulsion goes to build up attachment.

*— A Saying.*

1515. That which is selfish is immoral, and that which is unselfish is moral.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1516. We find no peace even in a jungle. When a person lives inwardly, he loses contact with the world. When he has found his inner contact he misses nothing.

*— Swami Paramananda.*

1517. I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds.

*— The Bible.*

1518. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature, will reap corruption (destruction); the one who sows to please the spirit, from the spirit, will reap everlasting life.

*— Galatians (The Bible).*

1519. Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.

*— Mother Teresa.*

1520. Faith is the bird that feels the light when the dawn is still dark.

*— Rabindranath Tagore.*

1521. Faith must be enforced by reason...When faith becomes blind it dies.

*— Gandhiji.*

1522. The fruit of Silence is Prayer.
The fruit of Prayer is Faith.
The fruit of Faith is Love.
The fruit of Love is Service.
The fruit of Service is Peace.

*— Mother Teresa.*

1523. When you will surrender your will to the will of God, it is only then that your decision will be impartial and correct.

*— Hanuman Prasad Poddar.*

1524. Unselfishness is more paying, only people have not the patience to practise it.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1525. Our best work is done, our greatest influence is exerted when we are without thought of self.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1526. The real soul of man is in the cosmic.

*— Swami Paramananda.*

1527. God speaks to us as a Father, but since He is a spirit and sin prevents us from hearing His spiritual voice

to a greater or lesser degree, He has given us His written Word, so that we might be able to read what would not otherwise hear.

— *The Bible.*

1528. The thoughts we choose to think are tools we use to paint the canvas of our lives.

— *Louise L. Hay.*

1529. When our inner vision opens, our horizons expand.

— *Louise L. Hay.*

1530. Just as physics, biology, and other sciences are not the exclusive property of any one country, or of people in a particular era or age, but are universally applicable, irrespective of time and age; similarly the science of living, as pronounced by the ***Rishis*** in ***Vedanta***, visualises a plan of life to suit all people, at all times, everywhere.

— *Swami Chinmayananda.*

1531. The root of disquietude, wrangles and struggles which are being noticed in families and in society today, is that there is demand for rights and the non-performance of duty.

— *Swami Ramsukhdas.*

1532. Self-sacrifice is the law of the highest universe. Religion comes with intense self-sacrifice. Desire nothing for yourself. Do all for others. This is to live and move and have your being in God.

— *Swami Vivekananda.*

1533. Eternal existence with a beginning is absurd. What begins in time must end in time.

*— Swami Satprakashananda.*

1534. When a bound soul is ready for rebirth on the human plane the impressions of his *Karma* lead to the parents from whom he can secure the materials for his gross body.

*— Swami Satprakashananda.*

1535. In life and in death, in happiness and in misery, the Lord is equally present. The whole world is full of the Lord. Open your eyes and see Him.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1536. God alone lives. The soul alone lives. Spirituality alone lives .Hold on to that.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1537. The doctrine of reincarnation provides the only satisfactory explanation of the inequalities of life. An individual's weal and woe, weakness and excellences, knowledge and ignorance, rise and fall depend primarily on his own past thoughts and deeds. No external agency, Divine dispensation, chance or fate, is responsible for them. The doctrine rejects both heredity and predestination as the source of human life.

*— Swami Satprakashananda.*

1538. There is a vast difference between saying "food, food" and eating it, between saying "water, water" and drinking it. So by merely repeating the word "God, God", we cannot hope to attain realisation. We must strive and practise.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1539. Poverty there must be, so long as the disease known civilisation exists, and hence the need of relief.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1540. One cannot serve God of Truth who leans upon somebody.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1541. The road to good is the roughest and steepest in the universe. It is a wonder that so many succeed, no wonder that so many fall. Character has to be established through a thousand stumbles.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1542. This is the first lesson to learn: be determined not to curse anything outside, not to lay the blame upon any one outside, but be a man, stand up, lay the blame on yourself.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1543. Nobody listens to the words of one who has no self-confidence and God also does not listen to his prayers.

*— Swami Virajananda.*

1544. We want to enjoy all the pleasures of the world to the full and to have the realisation of God at one and the same time. Vain dream! It cannot be done, my friend.

*— Swami Virajananda.*

1545. If you give up your small self for the sake of others, you will not only find your real self, and will also make others your own. The more you seek your little self, the more you lose your true self and estrange others.

*— Swami Virajananda.*

1546. Magnify the good qualities of others and your own defects. Minimise the faults of others and your own good qualities. Merits and defects combine to make a man. Everybody has both, either more, or less, of one or the other. Instead of searching for the faults and omissions of others, rather look for your own.

*— Swami Virajananda.*

1547. If Thou givest any other treasure, O Mother,
It will lie uncared for in a corner of the room.
But if Thou givest Thy Lotus Feet that dispel fear,
I shall keep them on lotus seat of my heart.

*— Ramprasad.*

1548. It is vain, nay madness, to try to mend others; we should mend ourselves. Have no ill-feeling towards anybody. To one who is good, the whole world is good. If you cannot do this, the blame is your own and you have to suffer the consequence.

*— Swami Virajananda.*

1549. Do not waste even a single moment in idleness or fruitless activities. "My health is not good!"— "I do not find time!"—Such are the excuses. They are all nonsense. If meals, recreation, sleep and all other daily activities are controlled and regulated, the body and mind will keep vigorous and cheerful, and much more work can be had out of them.

*— Swami Virajananda.*

1550. As is the mental conception so is the attainment.

*— A Saying.*

1551. Freedom is the supreme happiness. Dependence is extreme misery.

*— A Saying.*

1552. That person goes to hell who regards his ***Guru*** as a

mere human being, who holds the holy ***Mantra*** of his Chosen Ideal as mere words or looks upon the images of gods and goddesses as mere stone or clay.

— *The Tantra.*

1553. The real 'YOU' will truely exist only when the little 'you' or ego will cease to exist. Your true life will begin when the little 'you' has died.

— *Swami Virajananda.*

1554. Having come to this fleeting world, full of pain, worship and take refuge in Me alone. I shall deliver you from all sins, and take you to the realm of bliss across the sea of the world of existence, characterised by birth and death, and so difficult to cross.

— *Bhagavad Gita.*

1555. Worldly persons may perform many pious and charitable acts in the hope of earthly reward, but when misfortune and sorrow approach, this piety and charity forsake them. They are like the parrot that repeats "***Radha-Krishna***," "***Radha-Krishna***," but cries "***Kaw***" when caught by cat, forgetting the divine name.

— *Sri Ramakrishna.*

1556. It is of no use to read the Scriptures without *Viveka* and ***Vairagya***. Without them, there is no attainment of spirituality.

— *Sri Ramachandra.*

1557. Love your Lord, your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself."

— *The Bible.*

1558. It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but the sinners.

— *The Bible.*

1559. Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

— *The Bible.*

1560. Where dost thou seek Me? I am just by your side. If you sincerely seek Me, I will be got in one moment.

— *Kabir.*

1561. If you walk to God, God will run to you !

— *Mohammad.*

1562. Very hard it is to meditate on God with attributes, what to speak of meditation on God without attributes. So, always take the name of Rama, and your life will be transformed.

— *Tulsidas.*

1563. ***Karma-Yoga*** says: "work at full speed, with the energy of your whole being; but do not think of the result in terms of success or failure. Avoid being elated at the prospect of success or being oppressed by an anxiety of impending failure; for the sense of success and failure is the outcome of selfishness and egotism —feelings which almost invariably lead to misery. Work like a giant, but be indifferent to the result. If success comes, that is welcome; if the result is the failure, that also does not matter. Finally, if you can, work in a spirit of worship —— worship of the Divinity in each man, however wretched.

— *Swami Pavitrananda.*

1564. Nothing fails like success, for some worldly achievements are often gained at the expense of the degradation of the soul.

— *A Saying.*

1565. Child, don't you know that the whole world is my body? If anyone hurts any living creature, he hurts me.

— *Mother Parvati.*

1566. It is no part of a devotee's work to count the sins of others. Who can understand the sport of God? He leads us and He tests us. The good and evil in us, He alone can know and judge. One should keep one's heart steadfast in purity and look at the faults of others with a kindly eye.

— *C.Rajagopalchari.*

1567. When a pot is being filled, a gurgling sound is heard. But when the pot is full the sound ceases. Those who only read the ***Sastras*** will talk much. Those who have attained wisdom enjoy God's vision in silence and are immersed in that blissful experience.

— *C.Rajagopalchari.*

1568. Poverty is nothing to be ashamed of; but littleness of heart and mind is.

—*A Saying.*

1569. He who thinks that he knows,knows nothing. He who thinks that he knows nothing acquires knowledge in God's good time.

— *Gandhiji.*

1570. To say that whatever happens happens by the will of God is to state a matter of fact and such humility befits a seeker of Truth.

— *Gandhiji.*

1571. We may not know God, but we know His creation. Service of His creation is the service of God.

— *Gandhiji.*

1572. The human lover sacrifices his all for his beloved, but his sacrifice is fruitless in as much as it is offered for the sake of momentary pleasure.

— *Gandhiji.*

1573. God is wholly good. There is no evil in Him. God made man in His own image. Unfortunately for us, man has fashioned Him in his own....God is the Supreme Alchemist. In His presence, all iron and dross turn into pure gold . Similarly does all evil turn into gold.

— *Gandhiji.*

1574. Goodness becomes dynamic only when it is practised in the face of evil. If you return good for good only, it is a bargain and carries no merit; but if you return good for evil, it becomes a redeeming force. The evil ceases before it, and it goes on gathering volume and momentum like a snowball till it becomes irresistible.

— *Gandhiji.*

1575. God is Truth, Truth is God.

— *A Saying.*

1576. He who takes refuge in God has no fear. And for those who have faith in God, life and death are alike. Ours is to serve till the last breath.

— *Gandhiji.*

1577. Miseries are not miseries, nor is happiness truely happiness. True misery consists in forgetting God and true happiness consists in thinking of Him as ever enthroned in our hearts.

— *A Sanskrit Verse.*

1578. God is the Help of the helpless.

*— Tamil Proverb.*

1579. If we go to a temple where God is installed and come back from the temple and then indulge in wine and vice, then our going to the temple is absolutely useless.

*— Gandhiji.*

1580. Prayer brings us all together with God, it is a real purifying bath. Just as the body becomes dirty without a bath, so also the pure soul appears impure unless the heart is washed with the water of prayer. Therefore never miss prayers.

*— Gandhiji.*

1581. If man dismisses God from his heart even for a single moment, Satan occupies the vacancy.

*— Tolstoy.*

1582. An elephant will try in vain to pick up the grains of sugar scattered in grains of sand. But an ant will easily pick them up. Humble thyself therefore.

*— Gandhiji.*

The deeper you progress in religion, the more the whole religious world appears as an indivisible whole.

*— Schleiermacher.*

1584. There is only one eternal and universal religion, standing above, beneath and beyond all religions to which they all belong or can belong.

*— Max Muller.*

1585. Each finds a way of his own...each one is enlightened according to his own capacity and finds his own place in the knowledge of Truth.

*— Farid Din Al-Attar.*

1586. Misguided development of the soul must lead to psychic mass destruction. The present situation is so sinister that one cannot suppress the suspicion that the creator is planning another deluge that will finally exterminate the existing race of man.

— *Carl Gustav Jung.*

1587. It may be in the providence of God that we should blow ourselves up but this does not excuse me or the Archbishop, if we condone an evil policy, such a reliance upon nuclear weapons to defend our way of life.

— *Canon R.J.Collins of St. Paul's Catherdral.*

1588. The bombs which we have already in stock are enough to end life on this planet. Man's ability to destroy himself is almost complete.

— *Dr.S.Radhakrishnan.*

1589. A tragedy can turn out to be our greatest good if we approach it in ways from which we can grow.

— *Louise L.Hay.*

1590. Misery is caused on account of the desire to acquire an object rather than its shortage.

— *Swami Ramsukhdas.*

1591. It is said that the child is busy with play, the youth is busy with sex, and the adult is busy with worries. How few think of the eternal bliss of the Spirit. But he who seeks God; and who seeks with all the depth and fervour of his soul until he finds Him, is wisest of all men.

— *Paramahansa Yogananda.*

1592. With all the resources at our command, with all the gifts with which we have been endowed, with all the powers that we have developed, we are unable to

live in peace and safety. We have grown in knowledge and intelligence but not in wisdom and virtue. The human race may end by destroying itself or its spiritual vitality. Vitality may revive and a new age may dawn when this earth will become a real home for humanity.

— *Dr.S.Radhakrishnan.*

1593. I laugh when I hear that the fish in the water is thirsty. You wander restlessly from forest to forest while reality is within your own dwelling.

— *Kabir.*

1594. Nothing burns in hell save self-will.

— *Christian Saying.*

1595. As a mother at the risk of her life protects her own child, her own child, so also let everyone cultivate good-will towards all beings.

— *Mathew.*

1596. If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God Whom he has not seen. And He has given us this command: "whoever loves God must also love his brother."

— *John.*

1597. The Hindu God lives at Benares; the Muslim God at Mecca. But He who made the world lives not in a city made by hands. There is one Father of Hindu and Muslim, one God in all matter.

— *Kabir.*

1598. Let everyman walk in the name of his God; and we will walk in the name of our God.

— *Micah.*

1599. Christians may very well recognise the Hindu, the Buddhist, the Jew, the Muslim, the free-thinking spiritualist, if they strive after God. The spiritual life, truth and goodness, may be much nearer to God and Christ than the outward adapts of Christianity.

— *Nicolas Berdyaev.*

1600. There may be different kinds of oil in different lamps, the wicks may also be different kinds, but when they burn, we have the same flame and illumination.

— *A Saying.*

1601. If Christianity is to succeed, it must not come forward as an antagonist and a rival to the great religious strivings of the past; it must come as a helper and a fulfiller, a peacemaker and a friend. There must no longer be the desire to capture converts from Hinduism, but to come to her aid in the needful time of trouble, and to help her in the fulfilment of duties she has long neglected.

— *C.F.Andrews.*

1602. If it is possible to train millions of people in the black art of violence, which is the law of the brute, it is more possible to train them in the white art of non-violence which is the law of regenerate men.

— *Gandhiji.*

1603. It is a first-class human tragedy that peoples of the earth who claim to believe in the message of Jesus, whom they describe as the Prince of Peace, show little of that belief in actual practice.

— *Gandhiji.*

1604. If ,therefore, thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

— *Jesus the Christ.*

1605. Keep your body under proper control, your gaze concentrated upon ONE, and the peace of God will descend upon you.

— *Chuang-Tzu.*

1606. Thought is best when the mind is gathered into herself and is aspiring after true being.

— *Socrates.*

1607. For it is not possible to see Him or be in harmony with Him while one is occupied with anything else. The soul must remove from itself everything, that it may receive the ONE alone, as the ONE is alone.

— *Plotinus.*

1608. Through mastery of concentration one gains access everywhere, from the atom to the infinite.

— *A Saying.*

1609. By concentration one attains stability of the mind.

— *Jain Teaching.*

1610. Perfection in meditation comes from persevering devotion to the Supreme.

— *Patanjali.*

1611. To him who is perfect in meditation salvation is very near.

— *Old Saying.*

1612. Change thy thought from the world and cast it wholly on Him and He shall nourish thee.

— *Richard Rolle.*

1613. They have sung of Him as infinite and unattainable; but I, in my meditations, have seen Him without sight.

— *Kabir.*

1614. All that we are is the result of what we have thought, it is founded on our thought, it is made up of our thought.

*— Dhammapada.*

1615. To overcome sorrow and win happiness men wander in vain, for they have not sanctified their thought.

*—Santi-Deva*

1616. Unless the aim be single, it cannot succeed.

*— Chu*

1617. Life within is so subtle that it can penetrate everything. Kingdom of God is for those alone who have learned the right use of thought and the use of right thought. Therein lies the secret. When we think right, nothing can go wrong Write this in your mind

*—Swami Paramananda*

1618. Then let him who ventures in the quest for true wisdom be single-minded, with the concentration of a cat watching her prey.

*—Kaibara Ekken*

1619. If a man's faith is unsteady, he does not know the true law; if his peace of mind is troubled, his knowledge will never be perfect. Wise people meditative, steady.. attain to *Nirvana*, the highest happiness.

*— Buddha*

1620. If the mind is fixed on God, there will be nothing to fear.

*— A Saying*

1621. For thoughts alone cause the round of births. Let a man strive to purify his thoughts. What a man thinks that he is: this is the old secret. If the thoughts of a

man were so fixed on the Supreme as they are on the things of this world, who would not then be freed from bondage!

— *Maitrayana-Brahmana-Upanisad.*

1622. The seed is unseen in the ground, but from it alone the huge tree grows. A thought is just as imperceptible, but from it alone grow the greatest events in human life. All human deeds, good or bad, arise from thoughts.

— *Tolstoy.*

1623. The less selfish the thing we wish for, the greater and keener will be the accumulated and multiplied power of our thought battery. Our thought must be clear and ordered. When this is alone, we shall see, to our surprise, that it has become creative.

— *Aurobindo Ghose.*

1624. You can control nothing but your own mind. Even your two-year-old babe may defy you by the instinctive force of its personality. Your own mind is a sacred enclosure into which nothing harmful can enter except by your permission.

— *Arnold Benneth.*

1625. A wise man makes straight his trembling and unsteady thought, which is difficult to guard, difficult to hold back. Let the wise man guard his thoughts. Thoughts well-guarded bring happiness.

— *Gautama Buddha.*

Mind alone is the cause of bondage and liberty for men: if attached to the world, it becomes bound: if free from the world, that is liberty.

— *Upanishad.*

1627. That prayer is perfect in which he who is praying remembers not that he is praying.

*— A Saying.*

1628. Travel lightly, arrive quickly.

*— A Saying.*

1629. Material property has no hold on God. What does He like? Not wealth, but divine emotions, love, devotion, discrimination, renunciation and so forth.

*— Sri Ramakrishna.*

1630. If there has been anything achieved by me, by thoughts or words, or deeds, if from my lips has ever fallen one word that has helped any one in the world, I lay no claim to it, it was his. But if there has been curses falling from my lips, if there has been hatred coming out of me, it is all mine, and not his. All that has been weak has been mine, and all that has been life-giving, strengthening, pure, and holy, has been his inspiration, his words, and he himself. Yes, my friends, the world has yet to know that man.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1631. Look down upon women ! What for ? They are the manifestations of the Divine Mother. Bow down to them as your mother and hold them in respect. That is the only way to escape their influence. The more you hate them, the more you will fall into the snare.

*— Sri Ramakrishna.*

1632. Rama ! When I have the sense of ego left in me, I see that Thou art the Whole, and I am the part, Thou art the Master, and I am the servant ; but when I

attain the highest knowledge, I see that Thou art myself and I am Thou.

*—Hanuman.*

1633. Everywhere lectures, lectures, lectures ! No activity, no love, no service. Heroes while lecturing, zeros while putting what is said into practice. Develop compassion. Live in love. Be good, do good and see good. This is the way to God.

*— Baba.*

1634. Knowledge can never be ripen into wisdom so long as the ego persists in craving for results which can satisfy desire. When the ego fades away, knowledge can shine as wisdom.

*— Baba.*

1635. Death is always waving its sharp sword over the head but, unmindful of this imminent and inescapable fate, many are lost in plans to built rich, prosperous and luxurious lives for themselves. They live in hope and dreams of better days. The fire of wisdom alone is capable of reducing these plans and hope into ash.

*— Baba.*

1636. If one man conquers in battle a thousand men a thousand times, and if another conquers himself, he (the latter) is the greater conqueror.

*— Buddha*

1637. There are three kinds of joy : the joy of the worldly enjoyment, the joy of worship and the joy of ***Brahman***. The joy of worldly enjoyment is the joy of sense-objects which people always enjoy. The joy of worship is the joy one enjoys while chanting the name and glories of God. And the joy of Brahman is the joy of God-vision, After experiencing the joy of

God-vision, the *Rishis* of the olden times went beyond all rules and conventions.

*— Sri Ramakrishna.*

1638. Birth is not a beginning ; death is not an end.

*— Chuang Tze.*

1639. Our souls existed formerly apart from our bodies. The souls of the dead must exist somewhere, whence they come into being again, for the soul is strong enough by nature to endure coming into being many times.

*— Plato.*

1640. By the old age of the body, That does not age ; by the death of the body, That is not killed. It is the Self, free from sin, free from old age, from death and grief, from hunger and thirst.

*— Chandogya Upanishad.*

1641. The best days of man's life are those in which he renders service.

*—Abu 't Tarif.*

1642. The friend who will assist you is God ; but to attain His friendship you must walk in His ways and place in Him the firmest reliance.

*—Zoroaster.*

1643. The heart of love and faith spreads, as it were, a beneficent shade from the world of men to the world of gods.

*— Buddha.*

1644. The wise who know the Self bodiless, seated within perishable bodies, great and all-pervading, grieve not.

*— Katha Upanishad.*

1645. And thou son, who through thy mortal weight shalt again return below.

— *Dante.*

1646. It is enough if love is cultivated — the love that knows no distinction between oneself and another — because all are but limbs of the one corpus of God Almighty. Through love alone can the embodiment of love be gained. Here no scholarship is needed ; in fact, scholarship is an impediment, for it caters to egoism and it breeds doubts and desires for disputation and the laurels of victory over others preening themselves as learned.

— *Baba.*

1647. None has power to destroy the unchangeable.

— *Bhagavat Gita.*

1648. More than all other forms of love, man's first effort should be to fix his love on the Lord.

— *Maxim.*

1649. Love should be considered as the very breath of life.

— *Maxim.*

1650. His thought is quiet, and quiet are his word and deed when he has obtained freedom by true knowledge, when he has thus become a quiet man.

— *Buddha.*

1651. Those who seek the bliss of ***Atma*** (soul) should not run after the joys of the sense-objects.

— *Maxim.*

1652. Beware of the fool whose volume of words is as that of ten men — a hundred arrows shot and each one wide of the target. If thou art wise, shoot one, and that one straight.

— *Bustan of Sadi.*

1653. The mind of the sage, being in repose, becomes the mirror of the universe, the speculum of all creation.

*— Chuang Tzu.*

1654. Truth must be treated as life-giving as breathing itself.

*— Maxim.*

1655. Have undiminished kindness towards all beings and also the spirit of self-sacrifice.

*— Maxim.*

1656. Let thy speech be better than silence, or be silent.

*— Dionysius the Elder.*

1657. Be always on the alert against four sins which the tongue is prone to commit : ***speaking falsehood, speaking ill of others, back-biting and talking too much.***

*— Maxim.*

1658. Silence is a healing for all ailments. Silence is good for the wise ; how much more so for the foolish. All my days I have grown up amongst the wise, and I have found naught of better service than silence.

*— Ancient Jewish Proverb.*

1659. Loud speech, profusion of words, and possessing skillfulness in expounding Scriptures are merely for the enjoyment of the learned. They do not lead to liberation.

*— Sankaracharya.*

1660. That which we most require for our spiritual growth is the silence of the desire and of the tongue before God Who is so high ; the language He most listens to is that of silent love.

*— St. John of the Cross.*

1661. Try to prevent the five sins that the body commits :- ***killing, adultery, theft, drinking intoxicants and eating of flesh***. It is a great help for the highest life if these also are kept as far away as possible.

— *Maxim.*

1662. Silence is as deep as eternity ,
Speech is as shallow as time.

— *Carlyle.*

1663. All eyes can see when light flows out from God.

— *George Eliot.*

1664. Every soul carries with it its past and is constantly building its future.

— *Swami Paramananda.*

1665. The good that I would I do not : but the evil which I would not, that I do.

— *Romans.*

1666. There are men who desire power simply for the sake of the happiness it will bring, these belong chiefly to political parties.

— *Nietzsche.*

1667. God is realisable. You can know Him now through meditation.

— *Paramahansa Yogananda.*

1668. Believe in the God Who believes in you.

— *Robert H Schuller.*

1669. The control of the mind is not a problem peculiar to religious aspirants ; people in all walks of life need to control their minds if they are to succeed in their vocation. No fundamental work for the uplift of the individual or the community can never be done without mind-control.

— *Swami Budhananda.*

1670. Eye cannot see Him, nor words reveal Him ; by the senses, austerity, or works He is not known. When the mind is cleansed by the grace of wisdom, He is seen by contemplation — the One without parts.

— *Mundaka Upanishad.*

1671. God helps the helpless — Every page of the Qur'an teaches me, a non-Muslim, this supreme lesson. Every ***Surut*** of the Qur'an begins in the name of God, the Compassionate and the Merciful. Let us, therefore, be strong in soul though weak in body.

— *Gandhiji.*

1672. Be happy that others are happy. Sympathise with those who are in adversity and wish for their prosperity. That is the goal of cultivating the love of God.

— *Maxim.*

1673. Remember, if you are married, that your wife is your friend, companion and co-worker, not an instrument of sexual enjoyment.

If you are unmarried, you owe it to yourself, to society and to the future partner to keep yourself pure. If you cultivate this sense of loyalty, you will find it as an infallible protection against all temptation.

— *Gandhiji.*

1674. Patience is all the strength that man needs.

— *Maxim.*

1675. "Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise," is a sound proverb. 9 o'clock to bed and 4 o'clock to rise is a good rule. Go to bed on an empty stomach. Therefore, your last meal must not be after 6 p.m.

— *Gandhiji.*

1676. No reply should be given to words of the wicked. Be at a great distance from them ; that is for your good. Break off all relations with such people.

*— Maxim.*

1677. Whenever you get a leisure, do not spend it in talking about sundries, but utilize it in meditating on God or in doing service to others.

*— Maxim.*

1678. The Lord is understood only by the devotee ; the devotee is understood only by the Lord. Others cannot understand this. So do not discuss matters relating to the Lord with those who have no devotion. On account of such discussions, your devotion will diminish.

*— Baba.*

1679. If your worldly desires do not get fulfilled, do not blame it on your devotion ; there is no relationship between such desires and devotion to God.

*— Maxim.*

1680. I am the silence of the secrets ; I am the wisdom of the wise.

*— Bhagavad Gita.*

1681. Freedom is only possible when no external power can exert any influence, produce any change. Freedom is only possible to the being who is beyond all conditions, all desires, all bondage of cause and effect. In other words, the unchangeable alone can be free, and therefore immortal.

*— Swami Vivekananda.*

1682. The Lord can be addressed by any name that tastes sweet to your tongue, or pictured in any form that

appeals to your sense of wonder and also you can sing of Him as ***Muruga, Ganaphathi, Sarada, Jesus, Maitreyi, Sakti***; or you can call on Allah or the formless or the Master of all forms. It makes no difference at all. He is the beginning, the middle and the end ; the basis, the substance and the source.

— *Baba.*

1683. What else is wisdom ?
What of man's endeavour
Or God's high grace, so lovely and so great ?
To stand from fear set free, to breathe and wait ,
To hold a hand uplifted over hate ;
and shall not Loveliness be loved for ever ?

— *The Bacchae of Euripides.*

1684. Often times, one strips oneself of passion
In order to see the secret of Life
Often times, one regards life with passion
In order to see its manifold results.

— *Lao-Tze.*

1685. The sun never sets nor rises. When people think to themselves the sun is setting, he only changes about after reaching the end of the day, and makes night below and day to what is on the other side. Then when people think he rises in the morning, he only shifts himself about after reaching the end of the night, and makes day below and night to what is on the other side. In fact, he never does set at all.

— *Chhandagya Upanishad.*

1686. Sense-enjoyment is not the goal of humanity ; wisdom is the goal of all life.

— *A Saying.*

1687. If you have faith in the three hundred and thirty millions of your mythological gods, and in all gods which foreigners have introduced into your midst, and still have no faith in yourselves, there is no salvation for you. Have faith in yourselves and stand up on that faith.

— *Swami Vivekananda.*

1688. Indeed, the problems of war, terrorism, ethics, ecology, values, drugs, all can be solved by adopting the spiritual pardigm of life in all works of human activities — politics, education, economic development, international relationships etc. Equality of man and woman too is achievable in terms of spiritual identity, rather than biological functions.

— *T.D. Singh (Manipur).*

1689. The ultimate goal of all mankind, the aim and end of all religions, is but one — re-union with God.

— *Swami Vivekananda.*

1690. This life is short, the vanities of the world is transient, but they alone live who live for others, the rest are more dead than alive.

— *Swami Vivekananda.*

1691. Righteousness is the accordance of actions with what is right. In all things success depends on previous preparation ; without such preparation there is failure.

— *Confucius.*

1692. Righteousness can be practised only when we have freed our minds from passions of egotism. Perfect peace can dwell only where all vanity has disappeared.

— *Buddha.*

1693. Do not waste your life in doubts and fear; spend yourself on the work before you, well assured that the right performance of this hour's duty will be the preparation for the hours or ages to follow.

— *Benjamin Franklin.*

1694. If by study, enquiry or thought, we have learned the truth, we should then put it into practice in both our speech and action. Regulate the emotions, and suppress anger and selfish desires. Shake off evil and cling to good. Discovering our faults, let us not hesitate to correct them ---. Without putting what we have learned into practice, it bears no fruit.

— *Kaibara Ekken (Japanese sage).*

1695. The path of duty lies in what is near, and men seek for it in what is remote. The work of duty lies in what is easy and men seek for it in what is difficult.

— *Mencius.*

1696. Doing good to others is the only virtue, injuring another is the only vice.

— *Vedic teaching.*

1697. Men must be decided on what they will not do, then they are able to act with vigour in what they ought to do.

— *Mencius.*

1698. Earnestness is the path of immortality, thoughtlessness is the path of death.. Those who are in earnest do not die, those who are thoughtless are as if dead already.

— *Buddha.*

1699. All our dignity consists in thought. By this must we raise ourselves, not by space or duration which we cannot fill. Then let us make it our study to think well ; for this is the starting-point of morals.

*— Pascal.*

1700. As the strength of the tree shows itself in the fruit, so the true divine strength in a man is shown in his good works and virtues. "There is no faith without works."

*— Jacob Bochme.*

1701. The path of wisdom, of work, of meditation, of devotion, the ultimate goal of all these is but one and that one is the Supreme Lord Who exists everywhere. He is in our work and He is also in our rest. He dwells in every heart. He is outside as well as within. When we realize Him, then this world can deceive us no more, for we feel ourselves connected with Him in Whom everything exists and finding Whom we can lose nothing.

*— Swami Paramananda.*

1702. He whose works proceed from himself, does little good service to God ; while he who suffers himself to be guided by the Holy spirit, does great works even in small actions.

*— John Tauler.*

1703. A person in the dark is afraid of snakes and scorpions, although there may not be such things. But in the light the things in the room can be clearly seen, and the fear of snakes and scorpions is at once removed. Therefore one has to take shelter of the light of the

Lord, as in the ***Bhagavad Gita*** or the ***Srimad Bhagavatam***, not in the reflective personalities who have no touch with the Lord. No one should hear the ***Bhagavad Gita*** or ***the Srimad-Bhagavatam*** from a person who does not believe in the existence of the Lord. Such a person is already doomed, and any association with a doomed person makes the associator also doomed.

— *Swami Prabhupada.*

1704. I worship the Lord, ***Govinda, Who***, by one of His plenary portions enters into the existence of every universe and every particle of the atoms and thus unlimitedly manifests His infinite energy all over the material creation.

— *Brahma-Samhita*

1705. Suffering bravely borne brings inner unfoldment.

— *Swami Paramananda*

1706. Living beings, beginning from the ***Brahmas*** (there are innumerable Brahmas in the innumerable universes) to the insignificant ant, are all born in darkness, and they require factual light from the Lord to see Him directly, just as the sun can be seen only by the direct light of the sun. No lamp or man-made torchlight, however powerful it may be, can help one see the sun. The sun reveals itself. Therefore the actions of different energies of the Lord or the Lord Himself, can be realized by the light manifested by the causeless mercy of the Lord. The impersonalists say that God cannot be seen. God can be seen by the light of God and not by man-made speculations.

— *Swami Prabhupada*

1707. Whatever I have spoken to you (***Narada***) about the ***Bhagavatam*** was explained to me by the Supreme Lord, and I am advising you to expand these topics nicely so that people may easily understand the mysterious ***Bhakti-Yoga*** by transcendental loving service to the Lord.

*—Brahmaji*

1708. Even though one may have gone to the other side of all the ***Vedas***, even though one is well versed in all the revealed Scriptures, if one is not a devotee of the Supreme Lord, he must be considered the lowest of mankind.

*— Garuda Purana*

1709. If even for a moment remembrance of ***Vasudeva***, the Supreme Lord, is missed, that is the greatest loss, that is the greatest illusion, and that is the greatest anomaly.

*— Vishnu Purana*

1710. As the hellish inhabitants began to chant the holy name of the Lord, they began to be elevated from hell towards heaven.

*— Narasimha Purana*

1711. The Lord is the Supreme Enjoyer, and the living entities are meant to assist the Lord in His enjoyment and thus participate in the transcendental enjoyment. The enjoyer and the enjoyed both participate in enjoyment, but deluded by the illusory energy, the living entities want to become the enjoyer like the Lord, although they are not meant for that --- The living entities are completely dependent on the mercy

of the Lord, and all their so-called enjoyments by scientific improvement are crushed into dust when the Lord desires.

*— Swami Prabhupada.*

1712. Some of the living entities are relatively happy in better conditions of life, whereas others are in distressed conditions of life. But factually, none of them are actually happy in material conditional life. No one can be happy in prison life, although one may be a first-class prisoner and another a third-class prisoner. The intelligent person should not try to be promoted from the third-class prison to the first-class prison life, but should try to be released from the prison altogether. One may be promoted to a first-class prisoner, but the same first-class prisoner is again degraded to a third-class prisoner in the next term. One should try to be freed from prison life and go back home, back to Godhead. This is the real goal for all types of living entities.

*— Swami Prabhupada*

1713. One should try to raise himself by the association of the great soul. This is the way of the perfection of life.

*— A Saying*

1714. God is the background of all creation, maintenance and destruction.

*— A Saying*

1715. The physical lack of sight does not bar one from spiritual progress. But one is spiritually blind, even though physically fit, that blindness is dangerously detrimental to the progressive path of human life.

*— A Saying.*

1716. The Lord has so distributed Himself all over the universe just to give pleasure to the devotees, to give the common man facility to eradicate sins, and to establish religious principles in the world.

— *Chaitanya-Charitamrita.*

1717. It is not on the outside we must seek our Source.

— *Swami Paramananda.*

1718. Discrimination between the Real and the unreal, a personal experience of the spiritual glory and ultimately to get fully established in the living consciousness that the Self in me is the Self in all — these come only later on, and culminate in one's liberation. This kind of perfect liberation cannot be had without earned merits of a hundred crores of lives lived intelligently.

— *Adi Sankara.*

1719. After many births and deaths, he who is actually in knowledge surrenders unto Me, knowing Me to be the cause of all causes and all that is. Such a great soul is ever rare.

— *Bhagavad Gita.*

1720. Godless heads of states, when puffed up by advancement of material wealth, education and increase of population, always make a show of military strength and give trouble to the innocent.

— *A Saying.*

1721. Under no circumstances can the words of persons bewildered by the illusory energy of the Lord deviate the intelligence of those who are completely surrendered souls.

— *Srimad Bhagavatam.*

1722. ***Jnanis*** and ***Yogis*** want spiritual possessions, but devotees do not want any material or spiritual assets. They want only to serve the Lord anywhere in the material or spiritual worlds that the Lord desires, and the Lord is always specifically compassionate towards such devotees.

— *Swami Prabhupada.*

1723. Our life must always be unproductive so long as we turn our attention to outward things.
Help me never to seek happiness in the outward world,
But to turn within for my joy and strength.
Open my eyes to the inward Beauty
Open my ears to the inward Voice.

— *Swami Paramananda.*

1724. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

— *Psalm.*

1725. Speech is silver, silence is gold, speech is human, silence is divine.

— *A Saying.*

1726. If we find no peace in ourselves, it is vain to seek it elsewhere.

— *A Saying.*

1727. If I can create a hell in and around me, I can create a heaven also.

— *Vedanta.*

1728. I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man so live so that his place will be proud of him.

*— Abraham Lincoln.*

1729. The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind.

*— William James.*

1730. Read the best books first or you may not have a chance to read them all.

*— Henry David Thoreau.*

1731. It is never to late to give up our prejudices.

*— Henry David thoreau.*

1732. In putting off what one has to do, one runs the risk of never being able to do it.

*— A Saying.*

1733. The best way to escape from a problem is to solve it.

*— Brendam Francis.*

1734. He who spends much time on his knees in prayer has no trouble standing on his feet.

*— A Saying.*

1735. A man's true ideals are those he lives by — not always those he talks about.

*— A Saying.*

1736. All that we are is the result of what we have thought. The mind is everything. What we think we become.

*— Buddha.*

1737. When you point one finger at the other man, three fingers are pointing towards you.

*— A Saying.*

1738. Silence is the element in which great things fashion themselves.

*— Homas Carlyle*

1739 A man may learn wisdom even from a foe.

*— A Saying.*

1740. Idleness is only the refuge of weak minds.

*— Chesterfield*

1741. He whose heart is not attached to the objects of senses finds happiness within himself.

*— Sri Krishna.*

1742. There are seven social evils :-

1) Politics without principles.
2) Wealth without work.
3) Commerce without morality.
4) Education without character.
5) Pleasure without conscience.
6) Science without humanity.
7) Worship without sacrifice.

*— Mahatma Gandhi*

1743. Health is the riches of the poor.

*— Ben Johnson*

1744. Peace comes from within. Do not seek it without.

*— Buddha.*

1745. A man who finds no satisfaction in himself, seeks for it in vain elsewhere.

*— La Rochefoucauld*

1746. Everything has its beauty, but not everyone sees it.

*— Confucius*

1747. It takes less time to do a thing right than to explain why you did it wrong.

*— Longfellow.*

1748. Do what you can now, tomorrow may be too late.

*— A Saying.*

1749. Most men are concerned with what others think of them than what they think of themselves.

*— A Saying.*

1750. To conquer oneself is a greater task than conquering others.

*— Buddha.*

1751. The real great man is the man who makes every man feel great.

*— G.K. Chesterton.*

1752. If a man is courteous to strangers, it shows he is a citizen of the world.

*— Francis Bacon.*

1753. There is no division between true religion and true noble living ; a religion that does not express itself in nobility of living is an empty shell.

*— Annie Besant.*

1754. Problems are the price you pay for progress.

*— A Saying.*

1755. The trouble is that everyone talks about reforming others, and no one thinks about reforming himself.

*— A Saying.*

1756. It takes two to make peace.

*— John F. Kennedy.*

1757. Great minds have purposes, others have wishes.

*— Washington Irving.*

1758. He who prays for his neighbours will be heard for himself.

— *Talmud.*

1759. Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbours, and let every new year find you a better man.

— *Benjamin Franklin.*

1760. By suffering comes wisdom.

— *A Saying.*

1761. Since a politician never believes what he says, he is surprised when others believe him.

— *Charles De Gaulle.*

1762. Think not the cost of living, think at whose cost you are living.

— *Narasimha Murthy.*

1763. Self service to the needy is better than selfish meditation of the greedy.

— *Narasimha Murthy.*

1764. God intends no man to live in this world without working ; but it seems to me no less evident that He intends every man to be happy in this work.

— *Ruskin.*

1765. A miser does not possess his gold ; his gold possesses him.

— *La Fontaine.*

1766. Every religion has its full and equal place. We are all leaves of a majestic tree whose trunk cannot be shaken off of its roots which are deep down in the bowels of the earth. The mightiest wind cannot move it.

— *Gandhiji.*

1767. It is not what people eat, but what they digest, that makes them strong. It is not what they gain, but what they save. It is not what they read, but what they remember, that makes them learned.

*—H.W.Beecher.*

1768. The secret of contentment is the discovery by a man of his own powers and limitations, of finding satisfaction in a line activity which he can do well. Plus the wisdom to know that his place, no matter how important or successful he is, never counts very much in the universe. The key to contentment is patience.

*— Lin Yutang.*

1769. A woman lost a sewing needle in the house. It was dark and there was no light in the house. But there was a light in the street. So the woman started searching for the needle under that light. True, a needle has been lost, but where is it lost and where is she searching for it ? People act in the same way ; real happiness lies within themselves, but they search for it elsewhere.

*— Swami Parathirtha.*

1770 Confidence in oneself, devotion to the ideal, genuine effort to serve the ideal, all these put together is faith. Fickle-mindedness is the opposite of faith. Doubt and vagueness of purpose are the fruits of a person lacking in faith. Whereas a man of faith is constant. He is up and doing --- Nothing is impossible to the man of adamant faith.

*— Tiruvalluvar.*

1771. We live in deeds, not days ;
In thoughts, not breaths ;
In feelings, not on figures on a dial ;
He lives most who thinks most ,
feels the noblest, acts the best.

— *Swami Ramatirtha.*

1772. Science has minimised the distance between moon and man, not between man and man.

— *A Saying.*

1773. The goddess of Fortune does not choose to remain but quit the houses of those who indulge ever in falsehood, even as water in a broken vessel never remains therein but comes out.

— *Yogi Vemana*

1774. People can be divided into three groups : those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened.

— *John W Newbern*

1775. It is a good thing to admire. By continually looking upward, our minds will themselves grow upward. The habit of admiration and enthusiastic reverence for excellence imparts to ourselves a portion of qualities.

— *Robert Browning*

1776. Do not despair because of failure. There is a special greatness, a peculiar wisdom, to be gained ; and no teacher can lead you to that greatness, that wisdom more surely and swiftly than your experience of failure.

— *James Allen*

1777. The highest result of education is tolerance --- Tolerance is the first principle of community ; it is the spirit which conserves the best that all men think. No loss by flood or lightening ; no destruction of cities and temples by the hostile forces of nature has deprived man of so many noble lives as those which his intolerance has destroyed.

*— Helen Keller.*

1778. Knowledge means to know that the mission of the human form of life is to end all the miseries of material existence and that in spite of having to fulfil the bodily necessities in a regulated way, one must be detached from such animal life. Fulfilling the demands of the body is animal life, and fulfilling the mission of the spirit soul is the human mission.

*— Swami Prabhupada.*

1779. It is a wrong theory that due to an increase in population the world becomes overburdened and therefore there are wars and other annihilating processes. The earth became overburdened due to irregular discharge of the Lord's desire. The Lord appeared on the earth to curb the increase in miscreants, not the increase in population, as wrongly put forward by the mundane economists.

*— Swami Prabhupada.*

1780. O Lord, I come to Thee ,
Thou art the Source of my life ;
To live apart from Thee means death.
Thou art the Source of my power ,
To act apart from Thee means weakness and defeat.

*— Swami Paramananda.*

1781. Ask your heart to speak to you.

*— Iyanla Vanzant.*

1782. A balanced person avoids the extremes of excess and deficiency and strives for moral goodness.

*— Aristolte.*

1783. We should love what we cannot understand. The love of God is a hard love. It demands total surrender.

*— Peneloux.*

1784. There is a nice song : "Because of a great desire to have all happiness, I built this house. But unfortunately the whole scheme has turned to ashes because the house was unexpectedly set on fire." The law of nature is like that. Everyone tries to become happy by planning in the material world, but the law of nature is so cruel that it sets fire to one's schemes; the fruitive worker is not happy in his schemes, nor is there any satiation of his continuous hankering for happiness.

*— Swami Prabhupada.*

1785. The senses are certainly products of the mode of passion in false ego, and therefore philosophical speculative knowledge and fruitive activities are predominantly products of the mode of passion.

*— Srimad Bhagavatam.*

1786. I love them that love Me ; and those that seek Me early shall find Me. Riches and honour are with Me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yea, than the fine gold ; and My revenue than fine silver. (This is divine wisdom).

*— The Bible.*

1787. God gives each person a hook with which to pluck his fruit.

*— Nigerian Proverb.*

1788. We suffocate ourselves when we dwell on our outward limitations and material problems. If we can bring ourselves to self-forgetfulness, poise and peace will come. We must empty ourselves of these thoughts that weight us. If we do this, a sense of inner Presence will rise in our heart.

*— Swami Paramananda.*

1789. Pressed under sorrow, near to despair ,
Troubles your soul pursue ;
Go to your Father, tell Him your care ,
Pray till the light breaks through.

*— C.A. Gabriel.*

1790. Discipline is based on four F's — firmness, fondness, frankness, fairness.

*— Unknown.*

1791. If the children are brought into the world by the act of reason alone, would the human race continue to exist ?

*— Arthur Schopenhauer.*

1792. Every night and every morn
Some to misery are born ;
Every morn and every night
Some are born to sweet delight.

*— William Blake.*

1793. When each comes forth from his mother's womb, the gate of gifts closes behind.

*— Emerson.*

1794. There would be no great ones if there were no little ones.

*— George Herbert.*

1795. Monday's child is fair of face,
Tuesday's child is full of grace,
Wednesday's child is full of woe,
Thursday's child has far to go,
Friday's child is loving and giving,
Saturday's child works hard for its living,
And the child that's born on Sabbath day
Is fair and wise and good and gay.

*— Brav. Tradition of Devon.*

1796. Babies haven't any hair,
Old men's heads are just as bare;
Between the cradle and the grave,
Lies a haircut and a shave.

*— Samuel Hoffenstein.*

1797. Hush, my dear, lie still and slumber,
Holy angels guard thy bed!
Heavenly blessings without number
Gently falling on thy head.

*— Issac Watts.*

1798. He who gives a child a treat
Makes joy-bells ring in Heaven's Street,
But he who gives a child a home
Builds palaces in kingdom come,
And she who gives a baby birth,
Brings Saviour Christ again to Earth,
For life is joy, and mind is fruit,
And body's precious earth and root.

*— John Masefield.*

1799. There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it.

*— English Proverb.*

1800. History is an argument without end.

*— Pieter Geyl.*

1801. To an adopted child :-
Not flesh of my flesh ,
Not born of my bone
But still miraculously
My own.

*— Fleur Couklina Heulinger.*

1802. Children are not a burden. The elephant does not find its trunk heavy ; nor does mother her baby.

*— African Proverb.*

1803. The act of forgiveness is one of the great gifts of spiritual life. It enables us and the world to be released from the sorrows of the past. Forgiveness is an act of the heart, a movement to let go of the resentment and outrage that we have carried for too long.

*— Gautam Buddha.*

1804. A bad excuse is better than none.

*— Proverb.*

1805. A bully is always a coward.

*— Proverb.*

1806. A guilty conscience needs no accuser.

*— Proverb.*

1807. A little help is worth a lot of pity.

*— Proverb.*

1808. All is fair in love and war.

*— Proverb.*

1809. Better a devil you know than a devil you don't know.

*— Proverb.*

1810. Better be sure than sorry.

*— Proverb*

1811. The child's heart curseth deeper in the silence than the strong man in the wrath.

*— Elizabeth Barret Browning*

1812. Happiness and good health can go hand in hand.

*— John Donne*

1813. Children and fools have merry lives

*— Clarke.*

1814. Let dogs delight to bark and bite ,
For God hath made them so ;
Let the bears and lions growl and fight ,
For 'tis their nature too.
But children, you should never let
Such angry passion rise ;
Your little hands were never made to tear each other's eyes.

*— Issac Watts*

1815. Where children are not, heaven is not

*— Swinburne*

1816. Children suck the mother when they are young, and the father when they are old.

*— John Ray*

1817. Small children disturb your sleep, big children your life.

*— Yiddish Proverb*

1818. The best way to make children good is to make them happy.

*— Wilde*

1819. Cards are the devil's books.

*— Proverb.*

1820. Come day, go day
God send Sunday.

*— (The lazy man's prayer).*

1821. Don't put all eggs in one basket.

*— Proverb.*

1822. In bringing up a child think its old age.

*— Joubert.*

1823. Empty vessels make the most sound.

*— Proverb.*

1824. Never teach your child to be cunning for you may be certain that you will be one of the first victims of his shrewdness.

*— Josh Billings.*

1825. Money left in a woman's hand will not last long, children left in a man's hands will not live long.

*— Baba Mezia.*

1826. There are no illegitimate children, there are only illegitimate parents.

*— Judge Leon R. Yankwide.*

1827. Every man has his faults.

*— Proverb.*

1828. Very often rich parents make poor parents.

*— Unknown.*

1829. When parental control is remote control, you have juvenile delinquency.

*— Doris Day.*

1830. For every evil under the sun
There is a remedy or there is none ;
If there be one, try and find it ;
If there be none, never mind it.

*— Proverb.*

1831. For want of a nail the shoe was lost ;
For want of a shoe the horse was lost ;
For want of a horse, the rider was lost.

— *Proverb.*

1832. Parents these days scarcely bring up children, they finance them.

— *John Brooks.*

1833. The chief causes of human errors are to be found in prejudices that are picked up in childhood.

— *Rene Descartes.*

1834. God helps the poor, the rich can help themselves.

— *Proverb.*

1835. He is no man's enemy but his own.

— *Proverb.*

1836. He who fights and runs away
May live to fight another day ;
But he who's in the battle slain
Will never live to fight again.

— *Proverb.*

1837. Heredity is what a man believes in until his son begins to behave like a delinquent.

— *Presbyterian Life.*

1838. Everyone is the child of the past.

— *Edna G. Rostow.*

1839. A child becomes an adult when he realises that he has a right not only to be right but also to be wrong.

— *Thomas Szasz.*

1840. While playing, give more praise for effort than for achievement. Also give ever-increasing responsibility ; like all skills, it needs to be practised.

— *M.K.Pringle.*

1841. If the mountain will not come to Mohammed, Mohammed must go to the mountain.

*— Proverb.*

1842. If wishes were horses, beggars would ride.

*— Proverb.*

1843. It takes two to make a quarrel.

*— Proverb.*

1844. We are One in the One World
United we stand, as a World Family,
With no barriers of colour, caste, creed or religion.
Our language is one — that of a smile, love and friendship : the universal language.
Our goal is one ---
peace and happiness for everyone.

*— ICCW News Bulletin.*

1845. Keep not ill men company, lest you increase the number.

*— Proverb.*

1846. Look on the bright side and to the end.

*— Proverb.*

1847. There is nothing wrong with punishment, provided you are fair and humane.

*— James Windell.*

1848. It is my prayer for every nation on earth, that their leaders will never forget and may they always be mindful of dignity and beauty of every child, and strive to protect and help each one in every possible way.

*— Mother Teresa.*

1849. It is less painful to learn in youth than to be ignorant in age.

*— Janice Rosenberg.*

1850. Rest assured that literary education is no good without character.

— *Mahatma Gandhi.*

1851. Foundation of every state is the education of youth.

— *Diogenes.*

1852. Marry in haste, repent at leisure.

— *Proverb.*

1853. More than enough is too much.

— *Proverb.*

1854. We are born crying, live complaining, and die disappointed.

— *Thomas Fuller.*

1855. Necessity knows no law.

— *Proverb.*

1856. Neither great poverty nor great riches will hear reason.

— *Proverb.*

1857. What mother says to the cradle goes all down to the coffin.

— *A Saying.*

1858. Backward, turn backward, O time in thy flight ;
Make me a child again, just for tonight.

— *Elizabeth Akers Allen.*

1859. The strength of a nation derives from the integrity of the home.

— *Confucius.*

1860. If the family lives in the harmony, all affairs will prosper.

— *Paul Harvey.*

1861. Every generation revolts against its fathers and makes friends with its grand-fathers.

*— Lewis Mumford.*

1862. Charity begins at home, and
Charity begins next door.

*— Charles Dickens.*

1863. Never too late to learn.

*— Proverb.*

1864. No man is wise at all times.

*— Proverb.*

1865. No rose without a thorn.

*— Proverb.*

1866. The worst misfortune that can happen to an ordinary man is to have an extraordinary father.

*— Austin O'Malley.*

1867. No fool like an old fool.

*— Proverb.*

1868. A mother loves her child more than the father does, because she knows it's her own, while the father only thinks it's his.

*— Menander.*

1869. No gains without pain.

*— Proverb.*

1870. No smoke without fire.

*— Proverb.*

1871. No time like the present.

*— Proverb*

1872. Nothing comes of nothing.

*— Proverb.*

1873. Nothing venture, nothing win.

*— Proverb.*

1874. The future of society is in the hands of the mothers. If the world was lost through woman, she alone can save it.

— *Louis de Beaufort.*

1875. Pride goes before a fall.

— *Proverb.*

1876. O Lord, Your lotus feet are like an umbrella for the surrendered souls, protecting them from all the miseries of material existence. All the sages under that shelter throw off all material miseries. We, therefore, offer our respectful obeisances unto Your lotus feet.

— *Srimad Bhagavatam*

1877. We injure ourselves and our fellow-men when we grow careless and negligent in our inner life.

— *Swami Paramananda*

1878. Since my heart has been overwhelmed by the devotional service of the Lord, I cannot even think of sex life, and if thoughts of sex come upon me I at once feel disgust.

— *Sri Yamunacharya*

1879. One cannot be in two places at once.

— *Proverb*

1880. One fool makes many.

— *Proverb*

1881. One half of the world does not know how the other half lives.

— *Proverb.*

1882. One law for the rich and another for the poor.

— *Proverb.*

1883. Out of debt, out of danger.

— *Proverb.*

1884. The outgoing person finds nothing but trouble.

— *Swami Paramananda.*

1885. Give up bad company, smoking, meat and alcohol entirely. Have ***Satsanga***. Do not develop any evil habits.

— *Swami Sivananda.*

1886. Speak the truth at all cost. Speak a little. Speak sweetly.

— *Swami Sivananda.*

1887. Reduce your wants. If you have four shirts, reduce the number to three or two. Lead a happy, contented life. Avoid unnecessary worry. Have plain living and high thinking.

— *Swami Sivananda.*

1888. Wisdom is to put the freedom first and not bother about respect --- Love blossoms only in freedom. When there is love, respect simply follows you.

— *Sri Sri Ravi Shankar.*

1889. The East has been heart-oriented ; the West has been mind-oriented. The Western mind has been able to create a great scientific edifice but the Eastern mind could not. How can you create a science from innocence ? It is impossible. So the East has been living unscientifically. --- If there is no mind, prayer will be silent. With the heart, you can only be prayerful.

— *Osho.*

1890. Never hurt anybody. Control anger by love, forgiveness and compassion (***Daya***).

*— Swami Sivananda.*

1891. People who live in glass houses should not throw stones.

*— Proverb.*

1892. Do not depend upon servants. Self-reliance is the highest of all virtues.

*— Swami Sivananda*

1893. To see a World in a grain of sand ,
And a Heaven in a wild flower
A dog starv'd at his master's gate
Predicts the ruin of the state.

*- Blake*

1894. Reason teaches young men to live well, and prepares old man to die well

*— Proverb*

1895. Soon got, soon spent

*— Proverb*

1896. Straws show which way the wind blows.

*— Proverb*

1897. Remember that death is awaiting you at every moment. Never fail to fulfil your duties. Have pure conduct (***Sadachara***)

*— Swami Sivananda*

1898. Think of God as soon as you wake up and just before you go to sleep Surrender yourself completely to God. (***Saran agati***).

*- Swami Sivananda*

1899. Tell a woman she's a beauty, and the devil will tell her so ten times.

*— Proverb*

1900. The danger past and God forgotten.

*— Proverb.*

1901. Speak the truth. Speak little.
Speak kindly. Speak sweetly.

*— Swami Sivananda.*

1902. Be honest. Earn by the sweat of your brow. Do not accept any money, things or favour unless earned lawfully. Develop nobility and integrity.

*— Swami Sivananda.*

1903. The grass is greener on the other side of the fence.

*— Proverb.*

1904. The receiver is as bad as the thief.

*— Proverb.*

1905. Tomorrow never comes.

*— Proverb.*

1906. Share what you have with others. Let the world be your family. Remove selfishness.

*— Swami Sivananda.*

1907. See God in all beings and love them as your own Self. Do not hate anyone.

*— Swami Sivananda.*

1908. Vice makes virtue shine.

*— Proverb.*

1909. Walls have ears.

*— Proverb.*

1910. You may take a horse to the water, but you can't make him drink.

*— Proverb.*

1911. Zeal is fit only for wise men, but is found in fools.

*— Proverb.*

1912. You can't lose what you never had.

*— Proverb.*

1913. Grant us an understanding heart ,
Equal vision, balanced mind,
Faith, devotion and wisdom.
Grant us inner spiritual strength
To resist temptation and to control the mind.
Free us from egoism, lust, greed, hatred, anger and jealousy.
Fill our hearts with divine virtues.

*— Swami Sivananda.*

1914. Charity is the sterilized milk of human kindness.

*— Oliver Herford.*

1915. The divine egoism that is genius.

*— Mary Webb.*

1916. After all there is but one race —— humanity.

*— George Moore*

1917. One should forgive one's enemies, but before they are hanged.

*— Heinrich Hein (German Poet)*

1918. "I can forgive, but I cannot forget," is only another way of saying, "I cannot forgive."

*— Henry Ward Beecher (American clergyman.)*

1919. The sea is vast and unfathomable. However, to know the taste of sea water, one need not drink the entire ocean. It is enough if one has a few drops. Similarly, the one who understands, assimilates and experiences the Lord in human form has understood, assimilated and experienced the Immutable, the Imperishable and the Formless Brahman as well.

*— Baba.*

1920. If you cannot see God because of your ignorance as you cannot see the stars during daytime because of light, do not say that God does not exist.

— *Baba.*

1921. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

— *The Bible.*

1922. Flattery makes friends and truth makes enemies.

— *Spanish Proverb.*

1923. One man's poison is another man's drug.

— *Father Ronald Knox*
*(British clergyman).*

1924. Envy is a kind of praise.

— *John Gay.*
*(English Playwright, Poet).*

1925. The defect of equality is that we only desire it with our superiors.

— *Henri Becque.*
*(French Playwright.)*

1926. Truth sits upon the lips of dying men.

— *Matthew Arnold*
*(English Poet, critic.)*

1927. There is enough for the needy but not for the greedy.

— *Gandhiji.*

1928. To have a grievance is to have a purpose of life.

— *Eric Hoffer*
*(American Philosopher).*

1929. Remember that man is a representative of God to serve all that lives, and thus to express God's dignity and love. Let service be your sole joy.

— *Gandhiji.*

1930. Life is never safe unless we work in the soul-light.
— *Swami Paramananda*

1931 Pure thought is more precious far than all the diamonds and the rubies of this world, for it brightens our inner life and sheds upon us its precious peace.
— *Swami Paramananda*

1932 Whatever acts a good or a bad man may do, the fruits thereof follow him and will never stop pursuing him
— *Maxim*

1933 Greed yields only sorrow, contentment is best There is no happiness greater than contentment
— *Maxim*

1934 In prosperity our friends know us ,in adversity we know our friends
– *J Churton Collins*

1935 Funeral pomp is more for the vanity of the living than for the honour of the dead
— *Francois Duc De La*
*(French Moralist )*

1936 A man with God is always in the majority
— *John Knox*

1937 If men will not do us justice, they shall do us violence
— *Emmeline Pankhurst*

1938. Experience comprises illusions lost, rather than wisdom gained
— *Joseph Roux*
*(French Priest )*

1939. If a man deceives me once, shame on him; if he deceives me twice, shame on me.

*— Italian Proverb.*

1940. If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man.

*— Mark Twain*
*(American Author.)*

1941. Knowledge of non-duality is true wisdom. There is no difference between man and woman in the domain of true wisdom.

*— Janaka, the wisdom incarnate.*

1942. Bear with fortitude both grief and loss; try to search for plans to achieve joy and gain.

*— Maxim.*

1943. If a man says, "I love God", and hates his brother, he is a liar. For he that loves not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God Whom he has not seen.

*— St. John.*

1944. Death never takes the wise man by surprise, he is always ready to go.

*— Jean De La Fontaine*
*(French poet.)*

1945. Beauty so ancient and so new; late have I found Thee! For behold, Thou wert within me, and I outside; and I sought Thee outside; and in my loving fell upon those lovely things that Thou hast made. Thou wert within me and I was not with Thee.

*— St. Augustine.*

1946. By this shall men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

*— Jesus the Christ.*

1947. One should have the head of Sankara, the heart of Buddha and the hands of Janaka.

*— Baba.*

1948. I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course. I have kept the faith.

*— St. Paul.*

1949. The ballot is stronger than the bullet.

*— Abraham Lincoln*

1950. Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men.

*— Lord Action*
*(English Historian )*

1951. The love of money is the root of all evil.

*— A Saying*

1952. It's better to give than to lend and it costs about the same.

*— Sir Philip Gibbs*

1953. If God made us in His image we have certainly returned the complement.

*— Voltaire*

1954. Man was born free, and everywhere he is in chains.

*— Jean-Jacques Rousseau*

1955. The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose.

*— William Shakespeare.*

1956. No one is so old as to think he cannot live one more year.

*— Cicero*
*(Roman Philosopher.)*

1957. If we sincerely want to become a liberated person, then we have to be willing to be independent in a world where so few truely think for themselves.

*– Andrew Cohen*

1958. The road of excess leads to the palace of wisdom.

*— William Blake.*

1959. Virtue does not come from money, but from virtue comes money and all other good things to man, both to the individual and to the state.

*– Socrates*

1960. A person who is going to commit an inhuman act invariably excuses himself by saying "I'm only human, after all".

*— Sydney J. Harris.*

1961. Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust.

*—Dr. O.W. Holmes.*

1962. And learn the luxury of doing good.

*— Oliver Goldsmith.*

1963. Anger is a kind of temporary madness.

*— Saint Basil*
*(Greek Theologian.)*

1964. Light, God's eldest daughter, is a principal beauty in a building.

*— Thomas Fuller.*

1965. Outside of the Catholic Church everything may be had except salvation.

*— Saint Augustine.*

1966. Christianity taught men that love is worth more than intelligence.

*— Jacques Maritain*
*(French Philosopher.)*

1967. Without books God is silent.

*— Thomas Bartholin*
*(Danish Physician.)*

1968. Life is a tragedy when seen in close-up, but a comedy in long shot.

*— Charlie Chaplin*
*(British Comic Actor)*

1969. The universe is one of God's thoughts.

*— Friedrich Von Schiller*
*(German Poet)*

1970. Anybody can be good in the country where are no temptations there.

*— Oscar Wilde*
*(Anglo-Irish Author)*

1971. It is not miserable to be blind; it is miserable to be incapable of enduring blindness.

*— John Milton*
*(English Poet)*

1972. The sun shineth upon the dung-hill, and is not corrupted.

*— John Lyly.*

1973. We all labour against our own cure, for death is the cure of all diseases.

*— Sir Thomas Browne*
*(English Doctor, Author.)*

1974. Death has a thousand doors to let out life; I shall find one.

*— Philips Massinger*
*(English Playwright.)*

1975. God created Adam, the lord of all living creatures, but Eve spoiled it all.

*— Martin Luther.*

1976. The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted.

*— Mother Teresa.*
*(Albanian Catholic Missionary.)*

1977. If begging should unfortunately be thy lot, knock at the large gates only.

*— Arabian Proverb.*

1978. All charming people, I fancy, are spoiled. It is the secret of their attraction.

*— Oscar Wilde*
*(Anglo-Irish Author.)*

1979. Say nothing good of yourself, you will be distrusted; say nothing bad of yourself, you will be taken at your word.

*— Joseph Roux*
*(French Priest, Writer.)*

1980. Beauty is indeed a good gift of God, but that the good may not think it a great good. God dispenses it even to the wicked.

*— Saint Augustine.*

1981. Politeness is good nature regulated by good sense.

*— Sydney Smith*
*(English Clergyman.)*

1982. It is wise to apply the oil of refined politeness to the mechanism of friendship.

*— Colette*
*(French Novelist.)*

1983. If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.

*— Harry S. Truman*
*(American President.)*

1984. I know nothing except the fact of any ignorance.

*— Socrates.*

1985. He who wishes to secure the good of others has already secured his own.

*— Confucius.*

1986. The Bible is for the Government of the people, by the people and for the people.

*— General Prologue.*

1987. Both read the Bible day and night, but thou read'st black where I read white.

*— William Blake.*

1988. The greatest of faults is to be conscious of none.

*— Thomas Carlyle.*

1989. We do not love people so much for the good they have done us, as for the good we have done them.

*— Leo Tolstoy*
*(Russian Philosopher.)*

1990. Nowadays people know the price of everything and value of nothing.

*— Oscar Wilde*
*(Anglo-Irish Author )*

1991. My desires are for a modest hut, a thatched roof but a good bed, good food, very fresh milk and butter, flowers in front of my window and a few pretty trees by my door. And should the good Lord wish to make me really happy...

*— Heinrich Heine*
*(German Poet.)*

1992. Mind is the thief who has robbed the Atmic pearl of all. If the mind-thief is punished severely, if he is perfectly subjugated, one can attain *Nirvana* this very second.

*— Swami Sivananda.*

1993. He who sees action in inaction, and inaction in action, is wise? He is a ***Yogi***. He is the man who knows what is work.

*— Bhagavad Gita.*

1994. Any one who even looks at a woman with lust in his eyes has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

*— Jesus the Christ.*

1995. All men are by nature equal, made all of the same earth by the same Creator, and however we deceive ourselves.

*— Plato.*

1996. The strongest man in the world is he who stands most alone.

*— Henrik Ibsen.*

1997. Ambition destroys its possessor.

*— Talmud.*

1998. When the heart weeps for what it has lost, the spirit laughs for what it has found.

*— Arabia.*

1999. All that is necessary to make this world a better place to live in is to love—— to love as Christ loved, as Buddha loved.

*— Isadora Duncan.*

2000. Art, if it is to be reckoned as one of the great values of life, must teach men humility, tolerance, wisdom, and magnanimity. The value of art is not beauty, but right action.

*— W. Somerset Maugham.*

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*Every flower that blossoms may not become fruit. Every fruit may not become ripe. Once a fruit is ripe, it falls down immediately. Similar is the case with human life too, but man fails to understand the temporal nature of the human body. He puts his most valuable body to misuse in pursuit of worldly pleasures. He feels proud of his education and achievements and wastes his precious time in the pursuit of material comforts.*